

# Cocaine seized from Campion

## ■ Other drugs also found

By PETE DAVIS  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Loyola campus police officers and Student Life staff found and seized drugs, including cocaine, from students living in Campion Towers on Friday, Dec. 3. Multiple students are facing judicial hearings and could face sanctions from the college if found guilty.

After receiving an anonymous tip early that morning, campus police and Student Life officials met to discuss its validity and decide on a plan of action. The two parties did some background research relating to the tip in order to decide if there was enough information to pursue a search warrant from the Baltimore courts or conduct an administrative search, according to Director of Public Safety Tim Fox.

After meeting later that day, officials from both organizations determined that there was not enough information to pursue the search warrant and decided to conduct an administrative search.

"If we feel there is substantial or credible information that either is a threat to the community, a threat to themselves or that there are serious policy violations, then we reserve the right to conduct an administrative search of a student's room," said Leonard Brown, director of Student Life.

Campus police and Student Life entered Campion during the middle of the afternoon and went to the first suspected room. After going to the first room, the group went to at least four other rooms throughout Campion, following up on leads they received at the previous rooms.

"We stayed all within Campion, but we would have gone anywhere that a lead would have taken us,"

Fox said.

In multiple rooms, campus police and student life found a variety of different drugs, including cocaine and marijuana, some of which were found on the students, according to Fox.

"Not all of it was harder-core drugs sometimes it was just marijuana, fake IDs. Those types of things were also there," Fox said.

All of the students who had drugs either on them or in their room had amounts that campus police and Student Life classified as personal use.

They gave it this classification since they did not find any indications that distribution had taken place, such as large amounts of cash or bookkeeping information.

Even though this was the case, campus police are continuing to look into leads that may provide them with new information relating to the incident according to Fox.

"I think at this point, because we are still in the process of investigating and dealing with the situation, it would be a bit premature for me to provide details," Brown said.

Since the decision was made to conduct an administrative search and Baltimore Police were not involved in the investigation, the students are not facing criminal charges.

"Under a criminal process, we would have never been able to see it, feel it or gain entrance to that room based on the limited amount of information," Fox said. "There is no such thing as an administrative search in law. There is only administrative searches on college campuses and higher education facilities."

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Lewis Black is best known for his "Back in Black" segment on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart."

## Black to perform in Feb.

By CHELSEA HADDAWAY  
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Although the contract has yet to be finalized, Student Activities is close to reaching a deal that will bring comedian Lewis Black to campus on Friday, Feb. 25. They expect the agreement to go through and Black be at Loyola on Feb. 25.

In addition to being a popular stand-up comic, Black is a regular guest on "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" and hosts his own segment entitled "Back in Black."

Black's commentary on "The Daily Show" is often political in nature, but his comedy routine often sees him ranting with his trademark anger about pop culture.

Black performed at Towson University on Oct. 29, which several Loyola student attended.

"I thought he was hysterical. I had seen him four years ago [at UVA] and was really excited when I heard he was around again," said senior Terrence Kneisel, who attended the Towson show.

"He's really funny; he was great," said senior Alex Montali, who also attended the show. She said that if he came to campus she would definitely be willing to go see him again.

"I think he's a lot funnier than some of the more recent comedians we've had," Kneisel said.

Director of Student Activities Mark Broderick could not be reached for comment on this story.

## Williams to give MLK Jr. address

By KRISTEN RIEDER  
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Author and professor Patricia J. Williams, considered one of the most provocative intellectuals in American law, will deliver the 12th annual Martin Luther King, Jr., convocation address on Jan. 19, 2005.

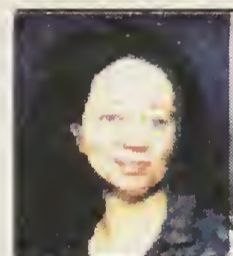
The lecture, scheduled to coincide with the holiday, will take place in McGuire Hall. This address will be followed by a question-and-answer session and reception as well as a signing of Williams' latest book, entitled *Open House: Of Family, Friends, Food, Piano Lessons and a Search for a Room of My Own*.

Professor Williams was born in racially segregated Boston in 1951 and entered elementary school in the immediate wake of the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision, an event which greatly influenced her writing. She became one of the first black women to graduate from Wellesley College,

went on to attend Harvard Law School and has been associated with Columbia University Law School since 1991.

In selecting her as speaker, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Diversity Martha Wharton stressed the importance of Williams' ability to "bring legal reasoning and thinking to contemporary and cultural events." Her writings tend to explore issues of difference, specifically concerning systemic racism, politics, law and feminism.

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PATRICIA WILLIAMS



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On Friday night, the chapel was filled as the Chapel Choir celebrated their annual Festival of Lessons and Carols.

## Evaluations affect teacher status

By ELIZABETH CLEARY  
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As classes concluded at Loyola last week, all students underwent the ritual of filling out evaluation forms. However, few students know what happens after the student monitor, who oversees the process in the instructor's absence, takes the envelope of forms to the department's administrative office. Most assume that the forms disappear and that nobody reads them, but this is not the case.

Faculty and department chairs

look closely at student evaluations, and they even play a role when professors apply for tenure.

According to Dean Jim Buckley of the College of Arts and Sciences, tenure ensures that "a faculty member knows an institution is committed to her or him for life [and] he or she can conduct their teaching and research and service in the light of that commitment."

Student evaluations are part of the material considered in awarding a professor tenure. A tenure candidate is evaluated on

their teaching, research and service. In making the case that they are good teachers, the candidate presents different forms of evidence, which includes evaluations by other faculty, self-evaluation of course aims and materials and student evaluations.

Buckley points out that student evaluations are not the decisive factor in determining tenure because many others are taken into account. A professor with consistently poor evaluations is unlikely to receive tenure.

"Loyola hopes that faculty with

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# Army Reserve hit hard by resignation requests

By HAL BERNTON  
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SEATTLE --The Army Reserve is facing an extreme shortage of company officers, a situation aggravated by a surge in resignation requests.

The shortage -- primarily of captains -- has seriously reduced the capabilities of the Reserve, and continued losses will further reduce the readiness of "an already depleted military force," according to an Army briefing document submitted last month to Congress.

Army Reserve resignation requests have jumped from just 15 in 2001 to more than 370 during a 12-month period ending in September. To preserve its leadership ranks, the Reserve increasingly has rejected resignation requests, forcing some officers to stay on even after they have fulfilled their initial eight-year service requirement.

The resignation requests are another sign of a military under strain during the protracted war in Iraq, where more than 40 percent of the U.S. forces are drawn from the ranks of Reserve and National Guard.

These Reserve and Guard soldiers attend weekend drills and two-week annual training. When called to active duty, they may leave behind families and civilian jobs for prolonged overseas deployments, and some take a big hit in their family income while facing the prospect of injury or death.

To help maintain troop strength, the Pentagon now routinely invokes a "stop-loss" program that prevents thousands of enlisted soldiers and officers from leaving the military until their unit is through their combat tour.

Only after the unit returns to the United States can soldiers who have completed their volunteer contract then leave the

service. This policy has been subject to several lawsuits, including a challenge filed earlier this week by eight soldiers.

The Army Reserve policy extends well beyond the combat-zone, stop-loss program. If an officer's specialty is in short



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**To fill the shortage, the Army plans on increasing enrollment in college officer training programs, such as the one that these two ROTC students at Berkely are training in. Students in ROTC enter the Army Reserves upon graduation.**

supply, the Reserve may opt to reject a resignation even if the soldier is not on active duty in Iraq or scheduled for any such deployment. So far this year, the Army has rejected more than 40 percent of the

resignation requests of lieutenants and captains.

"Exercise of this discretion is potentially controversial because it invites claims of involuntary servitude and arbitrary action," stated the briefing document submitted Nov. 16 to Rep. Jim Cooper, D-Tenn.

In one case reviewed by *The Seattle Times*, a Reserve Army captain was unable to resign after he completed 11 years as a commissioned officer that included a 2003-2004 tour of duty in Iraq. While in Iraq, the officer said the thought of resigning once he got home helped to get him through a difficult year.

"Sadly, that was not to be," said the captain, who requested anonymity. "This matter has become increasingly black and white to me: We are either a volunteer army, or we are not. I fail to see how I can be considered a volunteer at this point after I have been denied an opportunity to move on with my life."

The captain said he moved into the Reserve after graduating from West Point and initially serving in the active-duty Army. Other Reserve officers are drawn from graduates of training programs offered to college students and other training offered enlisted soldiers.

These officers lead units that maintain supply lines, tend to the wounded and offer other support services for the troops in Iraq.

But now the Reserve does not have enough officers moving through its chain of command. Currently, the Reserve has staffed only 70 percent of the 18,719 officer positions for lieutenants and captains.

Captains, who may command companies of up to 160 soldiers, are in the shortest supply. The Army Reserve has openings for 14,629 captains, who typically serve seven years as junior officers prior to appointment.

As of September, the Reserve had only 8,583 captains -- about 59 percent of the target, according to an Army document obtained by *The Seattle Times*.

In a full-staffed Reserve, these captains and other officers would train stateside with the same units that they join in Iraq. This follows the Army philosophy that units that

train together perform best in the field. But in the current short-staffed Reserve, Iraq-bound units often may be filled out by last-minute reassignments from other states.

"This is an imbalance that candidly occurred because we had folks who were ... asleep at the switch," Lt. Gen. James Helmly told the House Armed Service committee at a Nov. 17 hearing. "We've recognized that ... it will be about five to seven years before we can correct the imbalance."

Army officials said some of the trouble can be traced back to the '90s as the Army downsized to meet the reduced threat of the Cold War era, and encouraged many officers to resign with financial incentives.

Now the surplus has turned to a shortage that intensifies as more officers seek to leave the Reserve after completing an eight-year commitment -- but long before the 20-year mark that offers retirement benefits. In the years ahead, the resignation requests are likely to increase.

"I personally know a lot of guys who are looking forward to just finishing up and being done," said 1st Lt. Lewis Miller, with the Army Reserve, 671st Engineers Company out of Portland, which returned from Iraq earlier this year.

"A lot of them tend to be better educated and have strong civilian jobs, and they took some massive (pay) hits when they went on active duty."

Helmly, at the Nov. 17 congressional hearing, said the Army Reserve plans to relieve the shortage through increasing enrollments in college and enlisted-officer training programs.

In the meantime, Army Reserve is crafting a new policy to curb resignations. Under the policy, which has yet to be finalized, company-grade officers who have not yet been deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan would generally not be allowed to resign unless they could demonstrate "extreme personal reasons," such as hardships posed by the death or disability of a spouse.

But the Army would now look favorably on the resignation requests of officers who have served one tour of duty in Iraq or Afghanistan, such as the captain interviewed by *The Seattle Times*.

## Anti-plagiarism service tested

At 4 a.m. the night before a final paper is due, the temptation to cut and paste a few lines directly from a source can be irresistible. However, several academic departments at Loyola now use **TurnItIn.com**, a web site where student papers can be uploaded and scanned for plagiarism.

"[Before computers and Internet], it took some degree of initiative to go to the library, track down a relevant source and copy out the parts one wanted to borrow without acknowledgment," said Kathleen Forni of the English department.

"Now, it simply involves sitting in your dorm and hitting the copy and paste functions," Forni said.

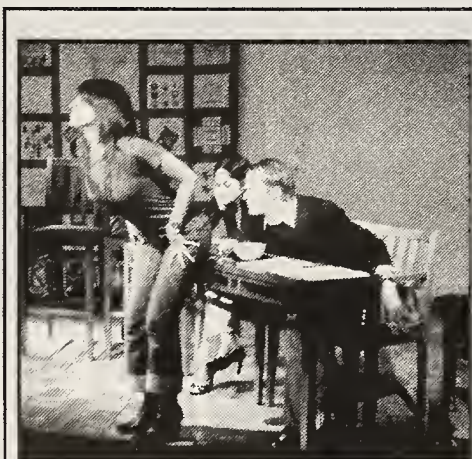
Use of **TurnItIn.com** was instituted because professors became increasingly frustrated with tracking down sources manually. **TurnItIn.com** searches many scholarly databases automatically.

Forni added that use of the system does not mean that professors at Loyola don't trust their students and that **TurnItIn.com** is a good defense for students who have been wrongfully accused of plagiarizing.

"Like a murder without a corpse, you can't prosecute a plagiarized paper without an identifiable source," she said.

Loyola is currently in a trial period with the service. A formal meeting will be held at the end of this academic year to discuss whether to continue.

-by Laura Klebanow



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**Seniors Danielle Lizardos and Rob Martinello perform their final exam for their Comedy/Humor Writing class last Wednesday in the Reading Room. About 100 students showed up to watch the class skits.**

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## Campus Police Blotter

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Campus police was dispatched to Lange Court for a fire alarm. The student said that she read the popcorn directions on the package which stated the following information: "Cook the popcorn for four minutes on high in the microwave." The student stated that she followed the directions but when she opened the microwave door a lot of smoke came out, causing the smoke detector to be activated.

Campus police noticed two BCPD units talking to three people who turned out to be students of Loyola College. They were stopped in front of Newman Towers by Baltimore City police for pushing a shopping cart full of food down Coldspring Lane. The students explained that they were waiting for a cab outside of Superfresh. After waiting for several minutes they decided to walk home with a cart full of food. BCPD was going to write the students a citation and have them transported back to the market, but campus police suggested that they use the campus police van to take the students back to the market to return the cart. The officers agreed, BCPD left the scene, and the cart was returned.

Campus police was dispatched to Linkwood Park for a report of students playing on the playground equipment. When campus police arrived on the scene, they heard people on the playground. Campus police circled the park and came back towards Linkwood and West Coldspring and could not hear or see any persons on the playground.

- Compiled by Chelsea Haddaway

# Students work to transfer courses taken abroad

BY CHRISTINA SANTUCCI  
MANAGING EDITOR

Four months after studying abroad in Montpellier, France, senior Abby Winter received her grades from the program and learned that two of her classes had not been counted correctly.

"It's frustrating when they tell you that something is going to count and you have to keep checking and checking your degree audit only to find out that it didn't," she said.

Winter, a French and political science double major, had been told before traveling abroad that her upper level theology and political science economics class would count as both French and core classes because they were taught in French.

Only on Friday did the situation get resolved, and Winter is now able to take four classes next semester as opposed to six, which she would have needed to

graduate.

"I was really lucky. I saved every e-mail where I was told what would be counting," she said.

Winter is among a very small minority of students who go abroad and have trouble with credits and grades, but the situation and chance of having difficulties is based much on individual circumstances.

"[Credits not transferring correctly] is very rare, and it's very unusual, and it should not happen unless courses are not approved by Loyola," said Dr. Andre Colombat, the director of International Programs.

Reasons for the courses not to transfer include incompatibility with Loyola's requirements, less than a C grade in the class and paperwork problems. Although the percentage of students who experience this dilemma each year is minute, several students each year go through difficulty.

Another obstacle that students face when



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All courses taken abroad must be approved through the Office of International Programs and Director Dr. Andre Colombat.

making sure that their classes will count correctly is red tape around the approval procedure.

"Everyone was very helpful because it was such a complicated process," said senior Alex Nanni, who had difficulty initially in getting his classes from his abroad programs in Thailand and France approved.

Nanni's courses had been pre-approved, but upon his return, the credits did not appear on his transcript.

He first tried to go directly to the Center for Academic Services and Support, but he needed to have the signature of the department chairs for the classes that he need to be counted.

"It was just a lot of red tape really," he said. "In the end I got everything approved."

The best way to avoid problems with credit transfers is to get courses approved before going abroad or immediately after arriving in a foreign country, Colombat said.

But Winter said that saving any sort of documentation is also key.

"That's what I told all my friends that are going abroad this semester," she said.

Persistence and planning also work to the advantage of students going abroad, Colombat said, because it is the students responsibility to set up meetings with the Office of International Programs and their advisor.

Still, Winter said that an advisor to ensure that all of the students' classes are being credited would be very beneficial to students in smaller programs.

In some of the larger ones, including the Monash program in Australia, a coordinator takes over this role, in part advising students about and checking up on classes.

"There should be a coordinator no matter how big or small the program is, someone who knows what the students are majoring in and can make sure that their classes are correct," Winter said.

## OAE hires new director; trips to resume in spring

BY MAUREEN DUFFY  
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Dust off those climbing shoes -- Loyola's Outdoor Adventure Experience (OAE) has found its new director. Geoff Norbert has accepted the position and is now busy getting the OAE up and running again for the spring semester.

The OAE program, a branch of Loyola's Recreational Sports Department, offers various adventure trips throughout the semester and during breaks. After former director Ken McVearry left the program earlier this semester to build a similar program at Mount St. Mary's College, all trips were postponed while the search process was underway, although the rock wall remained open. OAE programs will resume in the upcoming semester.

According to those involved with the search process, Norbert's experience with outdoor adventure activities made him stand out amongst the other candidates. The recreational sports administration sought "a well-rounded, outdoor professional" for the position, explained Pam Wetherbee-Metcalf, the director of Recreational Sports.

Norbert participated in the Gettysburg Recreational Adventure Board (GRAB) Program, a program similar to Loyola's OAE, when he attended Gettysburg College. For the last four years, he has worked as a field instructor for the Baltimore Outward Bound Base and has trained instructors for the program, which also provides outdoor adventure experiences.

Meeting some of the OAE student

leaders, who share his passion for outdoor adventures, "helped me decide that Loyola, Ree Sports and OAE was going to be a great fit for me," Norbert said.

While the Recreation Sports administration led the search process for a director, the OAE student leaders had several opportunities to interview some of the candidates.

"We [the students] knew what we were looking for ... we needed a personality that would fit with the group," senior and OAE leader Megan Siems said.

"We were looking for someone to balance being a friend and a director all at once," added senior Christina Camardella, another OAE leader.

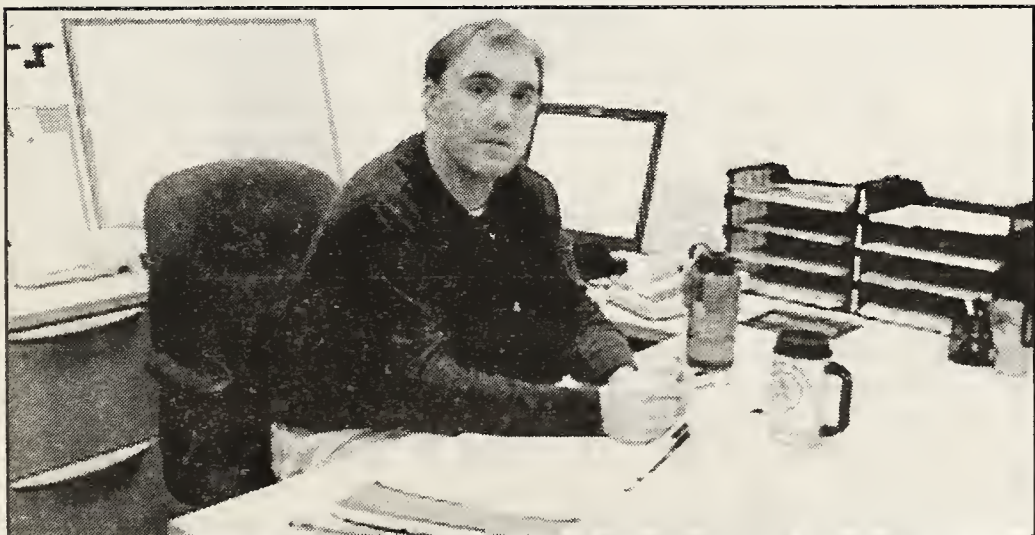
In the decision, "everything was considered," including the feedback of the administrators, Rec Sports staff, and the student leaders, Wetherbee-Metcalf said.

While the search process was underway, student leaders in Outdoor Activities still met together and spent time refining their own skills.

"We wanted to keep the continuity of the group," Camardella said. "We had to make the best of the situation."

The OAE staff and Norbert have already held two meetings, planning the upcoming semester.

"I am very excited about getting the great OAE leaders back in the field in 2005," Norbert said. The group is focused on getting the program started up for the spring semester, so any new programs will not be implemented until next year.



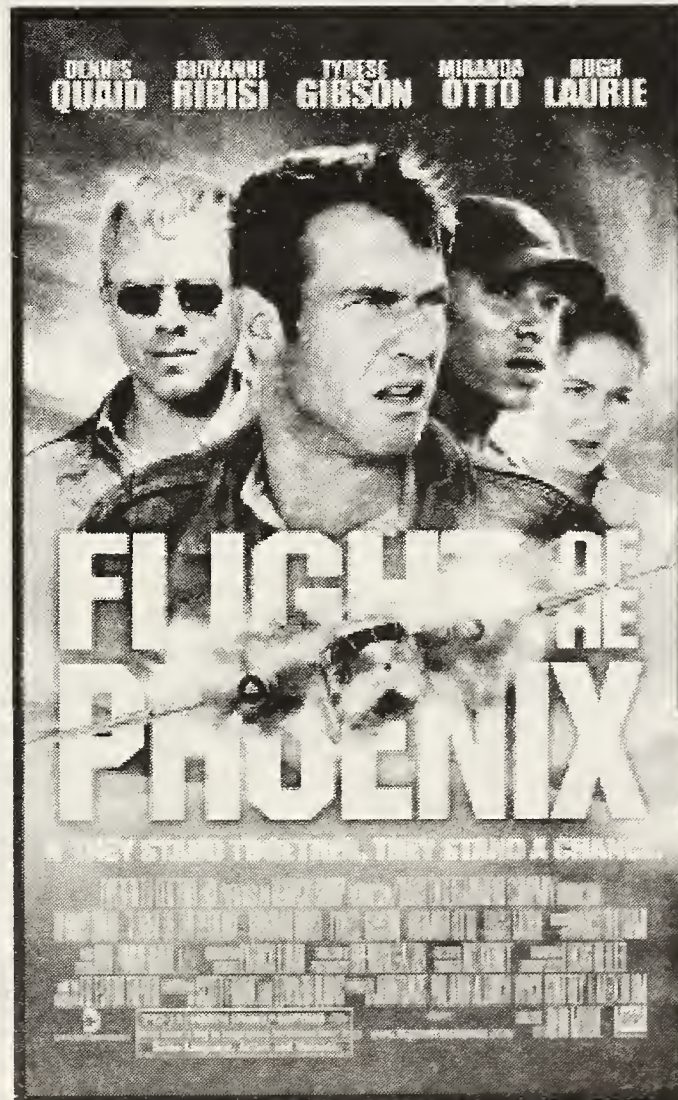
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New OAE director Geoff Norbert was hired by Loyola after an extensive search process. Norbert was involved in several outdoor adventure programs before being hired by Loyola, and under his leadership OAE trips will resume in the spring.



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# Tuition, teacher salaries increased for next year

By MARY SCOTT  
STAFF WRITER

Recommendations to raise tuition and teacher salaries were approved last week and will be confirmed in the spring.

There will be a tuition increase of 5 percent for returning students and a 7 percent increase for incoming freshmen, making the tuition for next year's freshmen \$29,500.

"Actually, it's a little bit lower than what we have seen historically," said John Palmucci, vice president of Finance and Administration, of the tuition increases.

Many other schools are increasing their tuition by 6 or 7 percent, and Loyola officials have compared the tuition increases with other private universities to be sure that the tuition increases are along the same as those schools Loyola students most often apply to.

Reasons for the tuition hike include increased operating expenses, a new utility tax being imposed by the city of Baltimore and increased faculty salaries.

"We're looking at increasing operating costs by 3 percent ... and in addition the city has proposed a 6 percent tax on utility expenditures ... prices are going up astronomically," Palmucci said.

Dr. David Haddad, vice president of Academic Affairs, also cited a \$3 million cut in state subsidies three years ago as another factor in the increased tuition.

"I would prefer tuition not go up, but if we want to keep receiving the same services, those services are going up too," said Student Government Association President Kelly Crossett.

With the increased tuition, financial aid

and scholarship money will increase proportionally.

"There's an automatic driver in our model that will increase the financial aid and scholarships available ... there's also a little bit more money to contribute to our whole diversity piece as well," Palmucci said.

Crossett also explained the increased tuition by saying it is to keep Loyola competitive. In the past two years Loyola has had to revert to all or a lot of the wait-list to fill the freshmen class, which is a problem.

"This hurts our overall image. Part of the reason for this is that schools of equal caliber are giving more financial aid. Loyola would like to offer more aid to make our school more appealing and more attractive,"



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Crossett said.

The faculty, staff and administration will receive increased compensation by three percent plus \$400,000. According to Haddad, the average faculty salary right now is \$70,000.

In an earlier conference meeting to discuss the Budget Committee's recommendations on budget assumptions, it was pointed out by Dr. Christy DeVader, chair of the Faculty Compensation Committee, that the cost of living has increased between July 2003 and July 2004 by 3.5 percent, and that the affiliate faculty may not be able to make the cost of living with the 3 percent salary pool.

"I supported the teacher salary increase because it was for cost of living. As a Jesuit institution, I don't think it's right that we

spend money on athletics and social events when we're not paying teachers the cost of living," Crossett said.

Not every faculty member will be receiving the raise, but the raises will be determined by an evaluation. According to Haddad, teachers are evaluated based on three different criteria, those being teaching, research and service. The teacher evaluations students fill out at the end of each semester are a part of the evaluation process for the teaching category.

"I think we pay a lot of money to go here, but it is expensive to go to college in general," Crossett said. "Every school is increasing tuition by 6 or 7 percent and that is the way the market goes. I respected the way the administrations took care with doing it ... they could've raised it more."

## LC begins evaluation draft

By CHELSEA HADDAWAY  
NEWS EDITOR

Loyola is currently in the process of compiling a draft of the school's report to the Middlestates Commission, an agency that accredits the institution once every 10 years. The report must be sent to the commission every five years to ensure that Loyola is on the correct track towards instituting the changes that the commission suggested last time the commission came to Loyola.

Some of these changes that the commission suggested included strengthening the school's Jesuit Catholic identity, increasing diversity and adopting an assessment culture.

"What I expect is that they'll look at the report and say things are fine, and they'll be back at year 10," said Dr. David Haddad, the chair of the Loyola Conference. The Conference is in charge of compiling the report, although certain sections are written by the agencies responsible for them.

"If they felt that there is something seriously awry, they probably would contact us and ask us to reply to them within a year or two," he said.

The current draft has been under construction by the conference since the beginning of the year. Some of the sections have yet to be written, while others are nearly completed.

Once the draft is finished, it will be sent to the college president and the board of

trustees for approval. It must be received by Middlestates in June.

The process of compiling the report is also a chance for the college to take a look at the way it has made progress over the last several years.

"The whole purpose of accreditation is to look at yourself and then be accountable to some external body," Haddad said.

He said that in looking back, the conference has also used the opportunity to see where they stand in regard to the various recommendations that the committee made last time they visited Loyola. Most of the recommendations were areas that Loyola had identified in their own

report as places where improvement was needed.

"We've done an awful lot," Haddad said.

The academic assessment portion, which comprises a large part of the report, was passed by the Academic Senate. This is the only section written by that body, and it is used for "assessing for student learning at the course level,

program level and school level," according to Haddad.

Other sections, such as the sections on admission and finance, are being written by different departments within the college.

"I think it's shaping up very well, and the Loyola Conference will continue to discuss it and refine it," Haddad said.

Once a complete draft is compiled, the draft will be posted on Loyola's Web site so that the school community will have the chance to read it and make suggestions.

**"The whole purpose of accreditation is to look at yourself and then be accountable to some external body ..."**

— Vice President Dr. David Haddad

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# Loyola rejected by landlords

By CHELSEA HADDAWAY  
NEWS EDITOR

Last summer, Loyola sent out a letter to many of the landlords in the Gallagher community to gauge interest in selling the properties to Loyola to supplement the school's on campus housing.

The landlords said that they were not interested, meaning that although the townhouse complex will continue to be a popular spot for off-campus housing for students, it will not be acquired by the school anytime soon.

"We're always interested in properties that could supplement the housing stock that we already have. There's a high demand for housing," said Susan Donovan, the dean of students.

Loyola's letter included an offer to buy the properties. Although Gallagher landlords confirmed that they had been contacted by Loyola, they refused to discuss the specifics of Loyola's offer.

"It seemed initially that we might get some response, but I don't think they're interested at this

time," Donovan said.

Currently, all but about five or six of the 44 townhouses in the complex are occupied by Loyola students, according to Jon Palamucci, the vice president of Finance and Administration.

Loyola's interest came in part out of a concern for the safety of the students within the apartments, which could be better managed if the school controlled the properties.

"Obviously there are the behavior issues, there's safety issues, there's occupancy issues. We know that some units have more occupants than the law allows, that's probably a safety concern," said Terry Sawyer, the vice president of Administration.

Loyola also occasionally acts as an advocate for students who live in the apartments when landlord disputes arise.

"They're still our students, we want to be a resource for them if there's issues, and mainly those issues tend to be landlord issues with what students perceive to be unfair treatment by landlords,

which in some cases is legitimate," Sawyer said.

"I do feel like we could manage some of them better than they're currently being managed," Donovan said.

Most of Loyola's housing is apartment buildings which they acquired from previous owners and converted into dorms or apartments appropriate for college students.

"That's how most of our facilities are acquired," Donovan said.

It is becoming increasingly difficult for the school to find suitable apartments within easy walking distance of campus, and the school is considering building projects in the future.

Although there have been waitlists for housing in the past, the apartments in Gallagher are rented mainly to Loyola students and would probably not help to alleviate any shortage.

-- Julie Grates contributed to this article



FILE PHOTO

Most of Gallagher's 44 townhouses are rented by Loyola students, namely seniors, who are looking for an off-campus location that is still within easy walking distance of the campus.

## Speaker renowned for outspokenness, writing

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Furthermore, Wharton hopes the convocation will bring out Williams' narrative style -- one incorporating stories and experiences as a means of contextualizing and personalizing legal and social structures to a wider audience.

"[She'll] focus a portion of the discussion on her new book, *Open House: Of Family, Friends, Food, Piano Lessons and a Search for a Room of My Own*, a set of essays and personal stories, which are more autobiographically based than some of her past works," Wharton said.

In addition to her latest book, she is a regular columnist for *The Nation* and author of *The Alchemy of Race and Rights: A Diary of a Law Professor*, *The Rooster's Egg: On the Persistence of Prejudice* and *Seeing a Color-Blind Future: The Paradox of Race*, which was used in this fall's diversity reading groups. In 2000, Williams was awarded a prestigious MacArthur Foundation fellowship, commonly known as the "genius grant."

In the past, popular speakers Octavia Butler, Ellis Cose and Juan

Williams have come to campus as the speaker for this event. Upon selecting Williams as this year's convocation speaker, Wharton considered individuals whom she found interesting through her own reading. Previously within multicultural infusion workshops, Wharton had incorporated Williams' parables and articles.

Although her talk has no formal title as of yet, Williams will be offering the audience a different opinion on many of our current political and social issues.

Additionally, Williams has publicly had much to say concerning our most recent presidential election, and Wharton believes she will also express her views regarding the current war in Iraq. Although the turnout for last year's even with Cose as the featured speaker, was hindered by inclement weather, all the tickets were taken.

"Between 550 and 600 people still attended, making it a big hit," Wharton said.

She anticipates another large turnout for 2005 and is hoping that McGuire Hall will be completely filled.

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consistently poor evaluations will be dismissed before they come up for tenure," Buckley said.

When the student fill out the forms for each course at the end of each semester, the sealed envelopes of student evaluations reach the respective department's office, the envelopes are sent to the Office of Academic Affairs. In addition, the graduate classes taught at the Timonium and Columbia campuses send their evaluation forms to the same place.

In total, approximately 20,000 forms are processed each semester.

"Timonium and Columbia send us their forms through locked mail bags to protect the integrity of the forms and ensure that nobody sees them," said Dr. Donald Boomgaarden, the assistant vice president of Academic Affairs, who is in charge of processing the evaluations.

The instructor never sees the forms. Then, the envelopes are opened and the forms are prepared to be scanned. This includes erasing stray pencil marks and

## Bus tickets put on sale

By CAROLYN MONETT  
STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association and the Resident Affairs Council are co-sponsoring a new program to bus students back to Loyola after breaks.

Starting this January after winter break, students can take a charter bus to Loyola from the New York Port Authority, from Metro Park, N.J., or from the Philadelphia International Airport.

"We chose these spots for the access they have," said Brian Coyle, SGA director of resident affairs. Students will be given a time to meet after purchasing a ticket, which costs between \$15 and \$20.

"That's much cheaper than [the train], and even less expensive than driving yourself when you take into account gas and tolls," senior Sharon Condon said.

Coyle hopes to fill the busses, which seat 55 to 60 people. The busses also have plenty of room for students' luggage. A benefit

of the program is that students can take the bus with their friends instead of traveling alone, Coyle said.

"I think it's a really good idea," said sophomore Brianna Meyer, who usually takes the train from Metro Park. "I think it's better than taking a train."

The future of the new program depends partially on the success it has this January. The SGA and the RAC will expand the program if it's popular amongst students.

"The plan is to open it up on a more regular basis," said Coyle, who hopes to add an additional bus or location to the program. Students should also be able to buy a roundtrip ticket in the future.

Coyle thinks the program will be especially attractive for freshmen and sophomores, who are less likely to have cars on campus.

"I would definitely buy a ticket, 15 dollars sounds good to me," sophomore Andrea Rovegno said.

Tickets will be on sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday outside of Boulder.

## Judicial results expected soon; Investigation still taking place

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When the administrative search team arrived at the first room, if large amounts of drugs and baggies were in plain view, then the team could have backed out of the room and petitioned for a search warrant from the courts. However, this did not take place and the investigation was strictly administrative, according to Fox.

"The reason why there is administrative search is to keep good order and discipline and be able to take care of matters within house so that we are not consuming or throwing them into

the city's process," Fox said.

The students found with the drugs were asked to leave Loyola for the weekend but were allowed to return to classes on Monday, Dec. 6. Judicial hearings began last week and a decision is usually reached in one or two days after the hearings take place.

Fox and Brown both said they hope the investigation is wrapped up sometime this week, but people were still being interviewed at the end of last week.

"I've always thought that we have an underlying current of hard-core drug use on campus,"

Fox said. "It hasn't been really demonstrated except for one or two or three times since I've been here. But, this is very significant."

**Editor's Note:** *The Greyhound* will continue to monitor this story, and provide updates on its Web site, [www.loyolagreyhound.com](http://www.loyolagreyhound.com) during winter break.

**Correction:** In last week's article *The Greyhound* reported that Baltimore Police was also involved in the investigation and seizure of drugs when only Loyola campus police and Student Life actually took part in it. *The Greyhound* regrets this error.

## Feedback helps teachers plan

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making sure the bubbles for the course number and instructor's ID number are filled in directly.

"Most of the mistakes occur in the top portion of the form," Boomgaarden said. "We fix the course ID and the instructor's ID number, but we do not fix other mistakes. We don't want to read the students' minds."

After being prepared, the forms are scanned by Scantron machines located in the basement of Jenkins Hall. Chanda Lupunga-Phillips, the coordinator for Academic Ceremonies and Support, and Frank Golom, the special projects coordinator for the Office of Academic Affairs, are responsible for this process.

They scan the forms as they come into the office, and, as of last week, have scanned nearly half the forms they expect to receive.

After all of the evaluations are scanned, the tabulation sheets are given to the Institutional Research Department in Xavier Hall to evaluate the results. Boomgaarden projects that the course professors will receive the results of the evaluations in mid- or late January after grades are finished.

According to Boomgaarden, the fundamental point of these evaluations is to help the professor improve the class. Indeed, many professors look to the evaluations as guidance in doing that.

"Sometimes students suggest things on the evaluations that you can integrate into the course next time," said associate professor Kevin Hula of the political science department. "I had outlines and a list of discussion questions in my classes as a direct result of student comments on course evaluations."

Sometimes, many professors consider the most valuable information to be student comments written on the form. Here, students can write in what some of the strengths and weaknesses of the course were, and offer feedback on how it can be improved.

The department chairs also consider the student comments in evaluating instructors.

"When we meet with the department chair to discuss what we did during the last academic year, evaluations come up in the discussion," Hula said. "Strengths and weaknesses are discussed."

## — THE GREYHOUND EDITORIAL — A swift, proper response

Last week, *The Greyhound* first reported on the story about cocaine and other drugs seized in Campion Towers on Friday, Dec. 3. This week, a more detailed article in the news section provides more specific information about the actual incident and the possible ramifications for the students facing judicial action. Since the investigation is still ongoing, more details will likely become available, and the potential exists for even more students to be implicated.

Although this is one of the few incidents involving hard-core drugs that we have heard about, we believe that as the drugs are becoming more available and affordable to college students, this situation needs to be monitored closely. Tim Fox, director of Public Safety, also acknowledged that he believes this is an increasing problem affecting colleges throughout the country including Loyola. Recognizing this situation allows campus police, Student Life and more importantly the student body to work together to combat this problem.

Another dynamic involved in this particular case involves the decision for an administrative search to take place. Oftentimes, this editorial board has criticized either campus police or Student Life for some of its decisions and policies. We are ardent proponents of student privacy and have concerns about administrators and campus police officers being allowed to enter and search a student and their room without overwhelming evidence. However, from the information we have received, we believe this most recent case was handled properly.

The college's first priority is ensure the safety of their students. If it feels that there is a credible threat to either a particular student or to the college community, it must do everything it can to protect them. The process of waiting for Baltimore courts to issue a search warrant, if they would do so at all, would have taken much longer, and the safety of one of the students implicated, or a fellow student could have been jeopardized. The college needed to take action immediately regarding this incident, and they did.

We applaud the college for the way they have handled this incident thus far, particularly in their openness with the facts of the case to this publication and the college community at large, and we hope that they will continue to investigate this matter until all the particulars of the situation are resolved.

## ■ Rudolph, Bonds share trainer



## Motor pool disappoints teacher

As I write this on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 5, I am supposed to be shopping with my FE100 class for gifts for our Presence for Christmas adopted family.

Instead, I am sitting in my living room, infuriated over the incompetence and lack of responsibility of the Department of Transportation and Parking motor pool.

What happened? There was a mix-up concerning the pick-up time of the two mini-vans requested by my student instructor. Thus, when she and I arrived at the motor pool, no one was present. The motor pool coordinator, contacted at home, refused to help us out.

The result? My student instructor and I had to disappoint 12 freshmen eager and excited to selflessly give their time and money to bring joy to a needy family at Christmas.

The selfishness of this DTP employee, in refusing to correct her mistake (yes, it was her mistake) by coming in 45 minutes before she had planned, enrages me. As a faculty member at Loyola, I as much as anyone, understand the importance of separating one's personal life from one's work. But I also believe that as an employee of a Jesuit institution my job

description includes being a "(woman) for others" under the motto *cura personalis*.

How could any employee of a Jesuit institution display such utter disregard for others? I wish she could have seen the crestfallen looks on my students' faces.

If this had been my first negative encounter with this department (and this particular employee), then I would not be writing this letter.

After all, everyone makes mistakes.

But the fact that, in my seven and a half years at Loyola, experiences such as this one are not the exception but rather the rule in this department, is absolutely unacceptable. I have had numerous experiences with the motor pool similar to this one.

In every instance, the motor pool has refused to take any responsibility for the problem, instead blaming everyone but themselves.

Ask anyone who has been a part of the Loyola community for a few years or more. You will be hard-pressed to find someone who does not shake his or her head knowingly when you mention the problems people have when

dealing with the DTP motor pool.

No academic department at Loyola would be allowed to continue operating at this level of incompetence and lack of accountability for any amount of time.

How is it then that the DTP has been allowed to operate in this manner for years?

Beth Walters  
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### POLL QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What is your favorite Christmas movie?  
Log on today and vote!!

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|---|----------------------------------|
| - The Santa Clause                      | - Home Alone                     |
| - It's A Wonderful Life                 | - A Christmas Story              |
| - Miracle on 34th Street                | - Elf                            |
| - A Christmas Carol (Scrooge)           | - Charlie Brown's Christmas      |
| - National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation | - How the Grinch Stole Christmas |

Last issue's poll: (results not scientific)  
Who is your favorite Christmas character?

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| - The Grinch (29%)         | - Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer (10%) |
| - Frosty the Snowman (26%) | - Scrooge (10%)                        |
| - Santa Claus (23%)        | - Tiny Tim (3%)                        |

# The so-bad-they're-good Christmas list

Bells ring for angels with wings, BB guns shoot our eyes out and animals with red noses are misfits. The classic holiday films teach us these lessons each December, and while I always look forward to watching

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### FROM SUCH SHORT HEIGHTS

them, I often like to think back to the "other" films (and some for good reason). But the next time you're trapped in an awkward conversation with Uncle Tim and Aunt Ruth, run into the TV room, grab a glass of eggnog, eat some Christmas cookies and check out some of these holiday specials that grace my childhood memories -- even if it's just to make fun of them.

#### All I Want for Christmas

Before Ethan Embry became the lovable nerd of *Can't Hardly Wait* fame, he starred in this 1991 Christmas comedy as, well, another lovable nerd. Along with sister Hallie (played by then-cute Thora Birch), these two New York City kids only want one thing for Christmas: the remarriage of their divorced parents. Realizing that this may be beyond Santa's control, Ethan and Hallie take matters into their own hands and develop a scheme that's impractical and ridiculous -- and absolutely worth watching. When Ethan is happy, I am happy.

#### "My So-Called Life:" "So-Called Angels"

A decade after its 15-episode run, the "My So-Called Life" holiday special still holds a place in my heart and brings a tear to my eye. The show is filled with actions

and quotes of angst-ridden teenagers (i.e., "Do we have to keep talking about religion? It's Christmas."), yet this episode ironically captures the true meaning of the holidays and brings the entire cast (including poor Brian Krakow) together in the end. It's, like, deep, in this, like, meaningful way. Yeah.

#### Prancer

Just because Rudolph has a red nose doesn't mean the other reindeer shouldn't get any play. In this 1989 film, 8-year-old Jessica Riggs comes across an injured reindeer, and after coming to the conclusion that this animal is obviously Prancer, decides to hide him in her barn until he reaches full recovery. Let's hear it for animal rights. While her own family is on the verge of poverty, Jessica dedicates her life to making Prancer flyable for Santa. While she could be doing this because she knows Santa wouldn't be able to deliver her presents otherwise, I like to believe that she was a genuinely warm and loving child with a generous heart. And even if you're not interested in the movie, watch the first five minutes to witness the best (and worst) rendition of "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

#### A Mom for Christmas

Mannequin (Olivia Newton-John) magically comes to life after a little girl in a department store wishes she had a mother for Christmas. Girl learns life lessons from mannequin. Mannequin falls in love with girl's father. Girl and father try to keep mannequin alive. Trust me, it's as good as it sounds.

#### Babes in Toyland

Any classic redone in the 1980s is bound to be good. In this 1986 version, a young Keanu Reeves and Drew Barrymore play the main characters in the Toyland, a magical



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**Kermit the Frog may have these fellow Muppets confused, but we should all take a moment to recognize the greatness of *A Muppet Christmas Carol*.**

world where giant mice dance in streets, people only eat gingerbread cookies and villains live in bowling balls. As all Christmas specials should, the movie ends with Barrymore re-believing in Santa and experiencing the true spirit of Christmas. Sweet, until you realize that she was probably a raging drug addict while filming. Recommended for anyone from Cincinnati, as the cast breaks into a rousing sing along about the lovely city in O-H-I-O. I'll be glad to sing it for anyone who will listen.

#### A Muppet Christmas Carol

There's nothing like watching a few animal puppets spread the holiday cheer. While this movie may be more well known than others on this list, it's easily forgotten as new celebrity-filled versions come out each year. Michael Caine plays the perfectly hateful Scrooge, and all of our favorite muppet friends make up the cast, including Kermit, Miss Piggy, Fozzie Bear, the Swedish Chef and the Beaker and Bunsen duo. And to top it off, Rizzo the Rat and Gonzo's

narration of the tale provide excellent comic relief. Bah humbug, wakka wakka wakka.

#### "Saved by the Bell: Home for Christmas"

Santa: "Have you been a good boy?"  
Zack: "Get real!"

Clever Zack and the gang are back in the "Home for Christmas" episodes that kept us in suspense for two full episodes. We watched Zack fall in love with Laura, Kelly's fellow employee at Moody's store, until we find out that Laura is -- gasp! -- homeless. The gang does everything they can to help her out -- like buy her father a new sports coat. In the end, Mrs. Morris generously invites Laura and her father to stay until they can afford to get on their feet. After that, I assume Mrs. Morris locked them away somewhere as they were never seen or mentioned ever again. They're probably hanging out with Minkus of "Boy Meets World" and the long-lost sister of "Family Matters." But hey, Laura's father must look good in his new sports coat. Happy Holidays!

## Students, administration to blame for campus mess

The beautiful campus of Loyola College is covered in something this Christmas season, and it isn't snow.

If it were snow, I'd be happy. It would be

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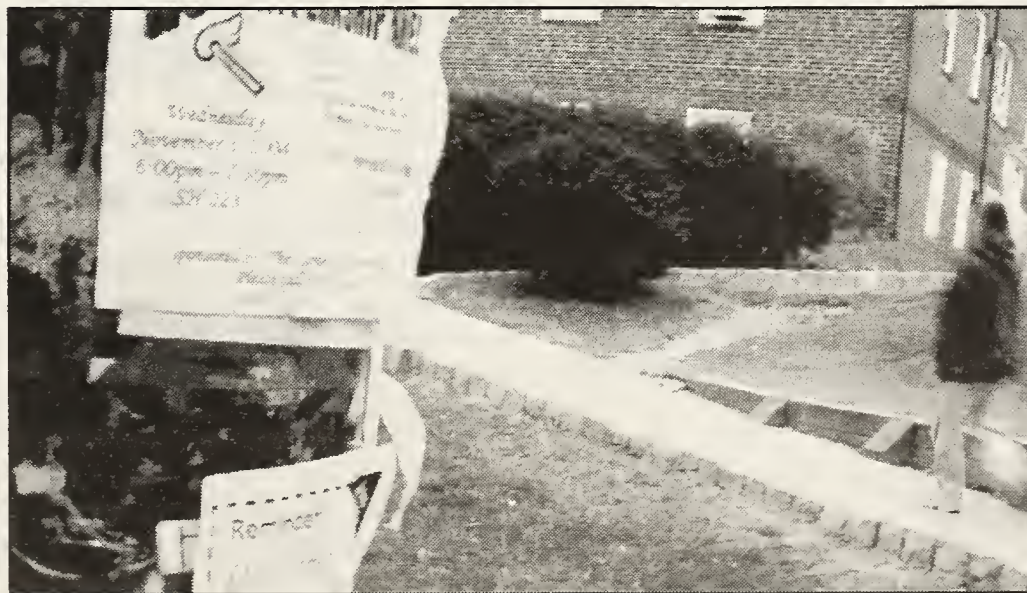
nice to get some snow -- maybe it would bring a little Christmas spirit to this bland holiday season.

But no, what we're seeing strewn about Loyola's ground is not snow. It is trash, namely flyers stamped with advertisements. The messages these flyers try to convey are about the pre-final drinking fest at some bar or the various activities going on around campus, most notably the Poisoned Cup Players' recent production of *A Lie of the Mind*. All they really say, however, is that Loyola's campus is lacking in the mass-communications department. Apparently, students think the best means of getting a message out to the student body is to literally run around with handfuls of flyers, drop them wherever and hope people will pick them up and spread the word.

Maybe I'm missing something. I just don't see how trash on campus could be such an issue. It seems like in today's era, our problems should be a little more complicated and intricate than the demise of our campus' beauty because of posters left on the ground. This dilemma could only have come to fruition through two levels of failure: one on the part of the distributors and one on the part of the administration in charge of cleaning up the campus.

Distributors have failed to take advantage of other forms of communication. Last Thursday, I got to see an entertaining skit

performed outside Maryland Hall by the newest inductees of the Chimes. It was funny, it got people to listen, and it certainly helped push the sales of the final Chordbusters tickets. Why can't we have more advertising like that? It would show students' uniqueness and creativity; two characteristics Loyola undergraduates are stereotyped for lacking.



CHRISTINA SANTUCCI/ GREYHOUND

**Signs such as these, on the path between Gardens and Seton, are said to be not only a major source of littering, but also ineffective advertising.**

What about e-mail? It is said that Loyola students don't read their e-mail. I think it is more appropriate to say that we don't read Newshound. I'm a sophomore, and I still don't think I even know what Newshound is. If a little creativity were added to the e-mails -- for example, if a poster were made and scanned into the e-mail, and the e-mail were given a catchy heading -- students would pay attention. We ought to be taking advantage of the resources we have. Part

of the reason we continue to advance technology is to get rid of some of the problems we had without it.

I understand that a poster makes a pretty big splash if it is copied 1,000 times and each one is taped to the benches in the center of the quad. It piques a lot more interest if copies are chucked on the floors of dorms like the contents of someone's broken binder.

But the people that put these posters up -- or should I say drop them wherever -- don't consider whose jobs they may be making harder. I highly doubt that those who make the mess come back the next day to clean it. Instead, that job goes to the housekeeping people on campus.

This point transitions well to the second major failure causing the problem of trash on campus: Whose job is it to clean up? Housekeeping either isn't doing its job, or

it simply isn't high enough on Loyola's list of budgetary priorities to provide hours for its employees to get the work done. In any case, it is inexcusable that the administration of a wealthy college cannot mobilize itself to somehow get the trash picked up. Not that it should be their responsibility, but considering the failure of the student body to work toward a cleaner campus, responsibility has fallen into the lap of the administration, and they are not doing their jobs.

I would like to ask Fr. Ridley how he feels about the situation, but his presence on campus is noticeably fleeting and rare. Does anyone know what he does? What his actual job at Loyola is? I do not think I am alone when I say his involvement in Loyola's everyday existence is weaker than a president's should be. The campus Web site offers minimal information on his initiatives, but not enough to give a solid idea. I call for him to take a more active role in the day-to-day aspect of Loyola.

I know that not only Loyola students are responsible for the excessive advertising. Students from other colleges, visitors and other various persons outside the Loyola community have a hand in the appearance of the campus. Regardless of who leaves these posters around on the ground to tear when it rains and blow about in the wind, it is up to us to remove them for the sake of the beauty of Loyola's campus and the reputation of the college. A good start would be to take advantage of the other forms of mass communication available. This includes *The Greyhound*, which should by all means serve as a message board for on-campus activities more than off-campus advertising.

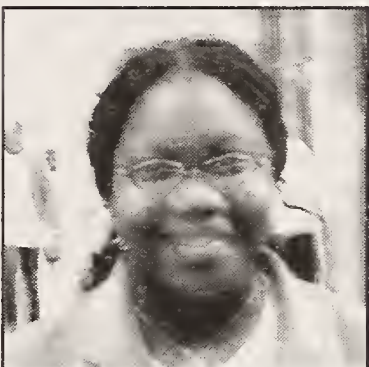
## On the Quad

### What do you want for Christmas?

By KIM BELCHER



"A trip to the Bahamas."  
Dimitrios Lynch '05  
Philosophy



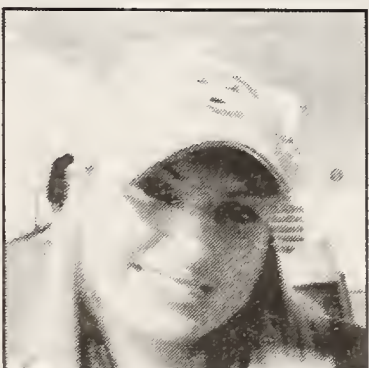
"A cruise to see humpback whales."  
Landi Edwards '08  
Biology



"New blazers, scotch and Cuban cigars."  
Loyola's Own Gentleman's Club



"Passing grades."  
Dan Crifo '08  
Undecided



"A Belgian boyfriend."  
Angela Garson '05  
Psychology

Do you want to be in "On the Quad?" Wait until second semester!

# What is the price of freedom?

There are bad ideas, and then there's the war in Iraq -- one of the worst ideas in the piss-poor history of bad ideas.

As far as arrogant western imperialism goes, we are actually on par. I mean, we

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killed the Native Americans for the sake of some random Thursday in November when we can shove turkey down our throats for the cause of creating some Disney movie fantasy of pilgrims, Indians and whatnot. And that was all for the sake of freedom.

Forget the fact that they were here first, and then we raped, burned, pillaged and relocated them. It's all good in the hood, the newly formed anti-colonial hood based on colonization that is.

As long as it isn't us being colonized, then it's all for the sake of freedom and good times all around.

But I am too harsh, I suppose -- my bleeding heart dripping all over the floor and such, but for all the good that we have done in the world it seems as though we have a hard time understanding the world around us.

As soon as we try to look at the world through a lens that doesn't have crosshairs incorporated into it, we are hopelessly confused.

Freedom is a far more complicated matter than simply a series of lines from the Declaration of Independence.

Besides, the Declaration of Independence

has a treasure map on the back of it, so let's just rip that bad boy out of its case and get to treasure hunting. Thank you, Nick Cage, thank you.

To the Iraq example: While Saddam was an all-around bad guy, to say the least, the struggle to remove and then replace him has made even his murder record look not as lengthy. How many innocent civilians have been obliterated by Uncle Sam's weapons of less-than-massive-destruction?

I would venture to say that the number would make even people from the great state of Texas squirm. Sorry y'all, I know; I know: Don't mess with Texas. Noted.

It seems as though our country has become lustfully obsessed with the four G's of Republicanism: God, guns, guts and glory. In pursuit of what, though? Freedom? I

**"The only freedom Iraq will ever see is a freedom from having a population at all, because soon there won't be anyone left but our soldiers."**

— Mike Hilt

sincerely hope that is not the generally accepted answer to that question.

The only freedom Iraq will ever see, it seems, is a freedom from having a population at all, because soon there won't be anyone left there but our people, the soldiers.

Anyway, I'm all for freedom. Who isn't? Well, I guess Stalin, Hitler and our buddy Saddam weren't exactly avid fans, but the sheer volume of lives lost in Iraq, domestic and otherwise, is appalling. The American death toll has surpassed 1,000. There are

not even accurate counts that can handle the amount of dead Iraqis with any level of certainty.

Let's face it: the road to hell is paved in good intentions -- a cliché that has a very special meaning in our day. Even if the intention of Operation Iraqi Freedom and whatever it is we are up to now were to bring freedom to the Iraqi people, to install the type of human rights deserved equally among all humans isn't it safe to say that this operation has kind of, just a bit now, killed that dream? Doesn't it seem as though we are more than a few houses down that road to hell?

Bottom line: when people start throwing around Vietnam as a fair comparison, it's bad.

It does, however, seem that people are content to say that things are better now that Saddam is not in power. I cannot disagree with that; I'm sure if there were a leader of the decade contest on Blackboard, supported by the SGA or something, Saddam would receive a well-deserved zero percent of the vote. But I still ask at what cost?

That is really what this all comes down to. At what cost is all of this undertaken? Could all of this bloodshed have been avoided? Could Saddam have been removed in a way that did not require thousands to die, American and otherwise?

Also, what exactly is a war against terrorism? I don't even know what that means. Why exactly would you go out and get in a war on terrorism?

Terrorists, duh. Perhaps I am missing something here.

I just don't understand how all of this happened. How did we get to this point? And most importantly, how are we going to ever make this right?

## The brave new world of blogs explained

Americans have discovered a new four letter word ... and you won't catch someone yelling this one in a moment of rage. The word: blog. Simple, bizarre and new, blog was determined to be the most

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popular word of 2004. According to a Merriam-Webster Inc. study that tracks words examined on their dictionary Web sites, blog was the most researched word of the year.

Don't be embarrassed though if you're one of the people who wish they had access to that dictionary Web site right now. Blogs are a fairly new phenomenon -- but one that is growing quickly.

For all the language lovers out there, let me grammatically break down the different forms of blog -- a crash course on the subject, if you will. Blog, which is a noun, is "a Web site that contains an online personal journal with reflections, comments and often hyperlinks," according to Merriam-Webster. "Bloggers," also the noun form, are those fast-fingered commentators who maintain these websites, offering a mix of fact and opinion to the public as they type their little hearts out about any topic from literature to love. "Bloggers" range from highly educated law professors who cover politics to stay at home moms obsessed with knitting. "Bloggng" (here's an action verb for you) is the act of creating entries and maintaining a regular blog.

Now that the basics are out of the way, let's get into some details.

A blog can take on a variety of different formats, but many feature at least daily entries and links to archived ones. Some

even offer real-time running commentary during special events or at special times. Bloggers have complete control over layout, content and design of the pages so each one is as different as the opinions of the bloggers themselves. Wherever your interests lie, there is someone out there with a blog who shares them with you.

A Google search for blog returned over four million results; one in particular was a link to [www.blogarama.com](http://www.blogarama.com), which is the Google of the blog world. Type in "college," for instance, and 238 blogs with some relation to college are returned. You'll find blogs run by "a liberal kid stuck at a conservative school," "a Lit professor struggling at a small school," and even sites devoted entirely to college humor or sports.

Bloggers really started to make headlines this past summer at the Democratic and Republican conventions. For the first time in history, both parties gave a group of bloggers the same press credentials as the mainstream media. As we all know, journalists carry with them a certain responsibility and obligation to provide their audiences with a balanced, unbiased report of events. Bloggers, though, in a league of their own, do not have to adhere to these standards as they control the content of their sites, which are often a swirl of facts, commentary, explanation and opinion.

This move to include bloggers with the mainstream media could be setting a new precedent in the way we receive our information. The line begins to blur, particularly when we consider that many bloggers are highly educated and some even have journalism backgrounds. Are we heading for a future full of bloggerists or journoggs? With blogs, it's possible that

anyone can play the role of reporter and whether that's good news or bad news remains to be seen.

The influence of many bloggers on their captive and often large audiences is already being felt. For instance, when Dan Rather presented the infamous Bush papers on CBS, it was bloggers who first began to question their authenticity. The story broke on their blogs before it did through mainstream media outlets.

Not every blogger wants to receive media credentials or bring down the big dogs, though, and many are just happy to have found a forum to express their own thoughts and opinions, take a stab at humor or just babble about their life to anyone that will listen.

We all can't have our shot at a primetime TV slot or national column to make our voices heard, and perhaps the fact that anyone with an opinion and a keyboard can be a blogger is what makes the medium so appealing and popular.

If you still don't have a grasp on the whole blogging phenomenon, don't beat yourself up -- neither does my computer. Every form of blog rests above the infamous red line signifying a misspelled word. Even technology can't keep up with itself. But let's just wait and see where this trend takes us in the next few years. At least by then blog will have a place in the dictionary -- it will appear on Merriam-Webster's pages starting this July.

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# Eight crazy nights: The Hanukkah story

What do Flashdancer Jennifer Mills, the Fonz from "Happy Days" and 25 percent of Harrison Ford have in common? "Hanukkah." "Chanukkah." No matter how you pronounce this December religious

JASON GORSUCH



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holiday, it's a festive time for Jews and Gentiles alike. But do we really know what Hanukkah is all about? I'll be honest; I haven't the foggiest idea what Kwanzaa or Ramadan is really about either.

But Hanukkah has become mainstream to most of the public. It's that time of the year that Adam Sandler is heard all over the airwaves (I prefer the second version of "The Hanukkah Song" because the thought of Lenny Kravitz and Courtney Love put together is, indeed, badass). Will the conversion to Judaism by Hall-of-Famer Rod Carew ever again be captured so famously in song? Most likely not -- at least not in my lifetime.

Judah Maccabee and his four brothers lived in Judea a long time ago, where the King Antiochus, told the Jewish people to deny their god and to worship the his gods, the Greek gods. Instead of following orders, the brothers formed an army and went into

battle against the Syrians. After three years of fighting, the Maccabees drove the Syrians out of Israel and reclaimed the Temple of Jerusalem.

After some time of cleaning and eradicating all Greek symbols out of the temple, Judah wanted to light the N'er Tamid, the eternal light found in all Jewish houses of worship. The light was supposed to shine for days -- representative of the great victory over the Syrians -- but there was only enough oil for a single day's worth of light.

This is where the miracle happens. Instead of shining for only one night, the N'er Tamid inexplicably flickered brightly for eight whole nights. Perhaps, this was a sign to the Jews that the Temple of Jerusalem was back in the hands of the rightful owners.

The word Hanukkah means "rededication," and the miracle of the oil is celebrated during the holiday in which a menorah with nine candles is lit in commemoration -- the ninth candle being the tallest and placed in the middle of the menorah to burn throughout the eight nights.

Dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, I made you out of clay ... I remember long ago learning about dreidel -- the tops with the numbers painted on them that were a celebrated staple of Hanukkah celebration. The dreidel has four Hebrews painted on it, which when put together, translates into "A miracle happened here," referencing the miracle of the oil.

To explain the game, a player uses nuts, candies or tokens as playing pieces and then rolls the dreidel until it lands on a side. One side might mean nothing happens. On another, the player has to lose some of the tokens. Probably more exciting to play than by my account -- especially if some creative families have turned the spin of the dreidel into a drinking game.

A staple of a traditional Hanukkah meal includes latkes, which are potato pancakes. The pancakes are made from grated potatoes, deep-fried a golden brown and often served with sour cream or applesauce on the side. You can't make latkes without using oil -- another instance of celebrating the burning of the oil in Jerusalem. Historically, latkes were actually made out of fried grated cheese. I imagine fried potatoes are a much tastier alternative.

After completing my research about Hanukkah, I then struggled with another great holiday question, of which song is better, Adam Sandler's "The Hanukkah Song" or Blink-182's "I Won't Be Home for Christmas?" Religious affiliations aside, it's a tough call between "Two-time Oscar

winner Dustin Hoffmonica celebrates Hanukkah" and "Christmas came a night early because a guy named Bubba unwrapped my package." Both are great in their own ways. I guess I'd have to give the nod to Blink-182 because of the novelty of an anti-Christmas song. Santa's helpers are cleverly referred to as "Satan's helpers." Another great line is, "outside the carolers start to sing. I can't describe the joy they bring; this joy is something they don't bring me."

So regardless of which holiday you celebrate (or if you are like childhood friend Mike Baughan and are lucky enough to celebrate both holidays, to which you should understand my deep hatred and jealousy towards you), enjoy the camaraderie of friends and family, the taste of Uncle Marv's "curiously strong" eggnog, and the opportunity to watch a plethora of college bowl games while loosening that belt buckle a full three notches. Perhaps, we should all take up the celebration of Hanukkah where we can repeat the process eight times -- complete with delicious deep-fried potatoes.

## They saw his star and came to worship him

Well, this is the season of Advent liturgically and of the fast approaching season of Christmas. Looking ahead to the feast of the Magi, the feast which celebrates the journey of the wise ones to the home of the Divine Child in Bethlehem, I thought

hospitals, to those traveling on the road, and to the unfortunate in prisons. I was so thrilled to hear someone ask me the other day at a party: "Father, are you the one who said the radio mass this morning? You know given my age, I am deaf, but I heard every word you said." What a compliment! In my homilies I usually try to give a blend of Eastern and Western spiritualities, and I know my listeners give me a favorable hearing.

Teaching is challenging and fun too wherein I try to make my students and others on campus more aware of the history, culture and religions of South Asia and of India in particular. I know, not many in India anyway, know how much I talk about my country and about how it is unfolding politically, economically and socially. But that's OK. I know my students show a great interest in what I tell them, and I am always touched by their interest and desire to learn, although Indian names and concepts that at times can be very challenging for them to grasp. But they rise splendidly to the occasion.

I chose the symbolism of the wise persons coming with their gifts to honor the new born child to describe my own feelings in coming to the United States. No direct comparisons here, but the United States has so much to offer the world. Like the Magi, I first traveled here not by camels (they really take long to cover ground) but by British Airways 747s and came to a country known for its progress, learning and tolerance. What gifts did I bring? Not gold, frankincense and myrrh (not allowed on board), but my background of Indian culture, traditions and learning along with a desire to share these with all.

Isn't it wonderful that we can all be the wise persons of the Magi story going in search of wisdom, learning and insight? Yes and anywhere. Loyola College sends its students to many parts of the world to do just that. Hopefully, this coming summer our students will journey for the first time to India to learn what they can from that ancient land and civilization and in the process to offer to her people their gifts of cultural understanding, compassionate empathy and bridge building.

"They saw his star in the East, and came to worship him."

## THUMBS BY KIMBELCHER & ROBMARTINIELLO

### 'Tis the Weekend Before Finals

Between Lessons and Carols and Chordbusters, student concerts and sporting events, it almost seems like we were encouraged to ditch the books during the time when they should actually be utilized. However, on Sunday, students all across campus arose with a clatter and sprang from "their" beds to see what was the matter. Away to the library they flew like a flash, tore open their books (trying to forget last night's bash).

### Basketball

This past weekend both the men and women's bball teams continued their inspiring play to begin the seasons. On the women's side, the Greyhounds proved once again that Towson will always be a few steps behind Loyola (in everything). And on the men's side, their close battle on Saturday brought in the largest crowd of the season, but whether they came to watch the team or Patsos is still debatable.

### Food and Clothing Drive

We all have those clothes that we tried to convince ourselves "we'll wear someday," and one swipe of our Evergreen card gets us canned goods galore. Therefore, there really is no reason not to participate in the Community Service Council's annual drive. So when doing your "routine" cleaning before break, take some time to make a pile of excess goods (one without your lucky boxers).



### No Snow

If there's one thing Baltimore can't handle it's getting around to paving the streets and any form of precipitation. But while the rough streets do damage to our tires, snow has a wide array of benefits. As we've learned in the past, even just a few inches gives us at least a week off of classes, extra time to "study" and an excuse to watch "Sex and the City" reruns on TBS or play Halo 2 all day.

### Tomato Shortage

We think these past months have been rough on us, well just imagine being a tomato. For years, they've had to deal with people questioning their identity (fruit or vegetable?) and the proper pronunciation of their name. Now, they're facing their toughest battle to date -- trying to survive after a series of floods, hurricanes and bug invasions. Be sure to keep these little red souls in your prayers this holiday season.

### Size Does Matter

Wrap... or eggroll? That is the burning question on every Boulder eaters mind these days. Behind that black-checkered paper lies a tiny mystery (emphasis on tiny). What started off as the healthier option has now turned into a mere three bites of satisfaction. Bottom Line: Bigger is better and keeps us coming back for more.



# The only dangerous toy is a murderous teddy bear

By MATT SUSSMAN  
The BG News (Bowling Green State U.)

Children aren't as smart as us regular people. That's why it's a surefire self-esteem boost when we beat them at chess. Or tackle football.

Maybe that's why their toys must be idiotproofed so that no child will choke, stab or intravenously poison his or herself with said plaything.

But not all toys are as innocent as the cautious consumer might think. Rather than letting tykes loose on fun toys and let Darwin sort them out, the wonderful world of independent watchdog organizations serves as that important function.

Enter stage right: W.A.T.C.H. -- World Against Toys Causing Harm -- is a non-profit group whose sole meaning in life is to stick it to corporate Santa.

W.A.T.C.H. ([www.toysafety.org](http://www.toysafety.org)) releases



JACOB LANGSTON/ORLANDO SENTINEL

While baby ducks may be unsafe, Disney World in Orlando sells toy muskets.

an annual "10 Worst Toys" list. The list is comparable to David Letterman's nightly Top Ten list, except Paul Shaffer would not have to dig so deep to find a phony laugh when one examines this list.

Let's examine the list, in no particular order (and I don't promise to mention every toy, because I was never big on comprehensive analysis).

First on the list is the Pocket Rocket Miniature Motorcycle. It's an electric mini-bike that kids can use to -- according to the

**"Companies should make sure they don't distribute toys that come with elongated parts, sharp points or R. Kelly."**

— Matt Sussman, The BG News

toy -- enjoy "powerful fun at speeds up to 12 mph." Sorry, but I only have fun at 15 mph, bare minimum.

The toy is dangerous because -- and these are W.A.T.C.H.'s words -- there is "potential for severe bodily injuries or even death!" Then again, any toy is dangerous if you're riding it on a busy intersection, but doesn't any toy not distributed by the U. S. Army fit that bill?

Choking hazards are a big concern as well (Insert New York Yankees punchline here.) One such choking hazard goes under the innocent-sounding brand name Happy Birthday Bear. (Before research, I had an image in my mind of a toy bear strangling a small child for no reason. Just thought I'd share.) While the gifts in the bear's backpack are small enough to lodge in a toddler's windpipe, I'm sure the toy will also forcefully try to smother any kid who goes

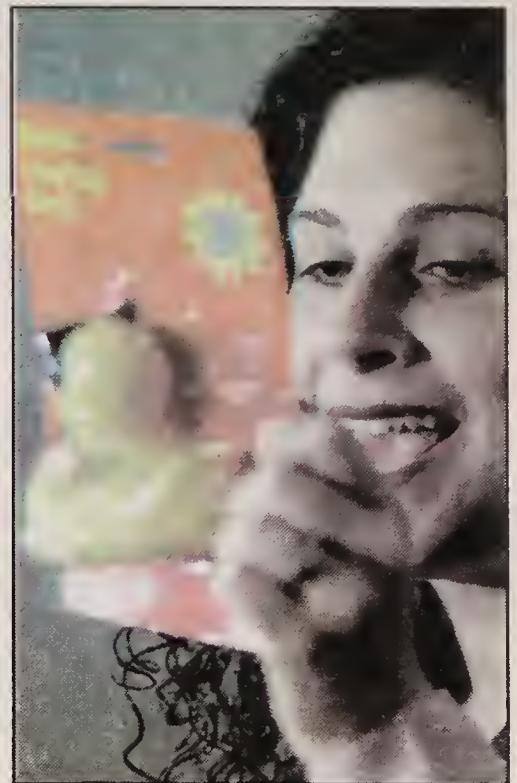
against the bear's will and doesn't have a happy birthday.

Some toys are impact hazards, such as the Megabuster Battle Weapon. It's nothing more than a toy sword that could send a kid home crying if he gets bopped with it. The saddest part is that the toy was reminiscent of my old Eliminator TS-7 that was mysteriously broken by a killer teddy bear wishing me a happy birthday.

A toy called Carpet Skates is a "head or other impact injury" liability. Carpet Skates strap onto a kid's tennis shoes, then they can slide on the carpet, but only if they are too chicken to cross-country ski. With this toy, I was picturing -- no, not kids sliding in the wall at powerful speeds up to 12 mph -- kids sliding closer to objects they could put in their mouths and resultantly choke to death. That's dangerous!

The list (or at least the list of those I mention) concludes with a toy gun, marketed as a UZ-1 Commando Machine Gun. This one stands out in the list as the only toy not hazardous, but rather because it accurately resembles a dangerous gun. Says W.A.T.C.H.'s Web site about the toy Uzi, "In today's world, there is no excuse for outfitting children with realistic toy weapons designed to produce dangerous and unnecessary thrills." You heard it, kids. When you're old enough to vote, try to repeal the Second Amendment. And when you do, you'll be defenseless against the King of England and homicidal teddy bears.

Child safety is important, don't get me wrong. Companies should make sure they don't distribute toys that come with elongated parts, sharp points or R. Kelly. However, any kid can find a way to get hurt by any toy. SNL's Dan Aykroyd showed us how when his character Irwin Mainway almost choked on a Nerf ball.



CHUCK KENNEDY/KRT CAMPUS

Rachel Weintraub of the U.S. Public Interest Group shows the dangers of a soft plastic baby duck at the National Press Club in Washington D.C.

Some of these toys can be a lot of fun. Yes, some kids will hurt themselves, but eventually those kids will learn not to put pencil lead up their nose, wise up and 15 years later write this column.

Kids play with toys and remember them not for how many safety regulations it met, but how many hours are logged on them. Some "unsafe" toys will fall short of being labeled as fun. (Maybe I'm alone on this one, but I've never wanted to slide across the carpet before.) Some kids will get owwies and boo-boos from a wide range of toys.

But only one toy will choke you on your birthday.

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# Peace in Middle East, more war in 2005?

Soon the year of 2004 will come to end, bringing to mind all of the important events which have come to pass in a mere 365 days: War, pestilence, famine ... you get the point. But 2005 is a new year, and there's no reason

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to expect it won't be a great one, unless of course you look at what has happened in the past 2,004 years. Here's what we may expect in 2005:

**More War!** In 2005 not only can we look forward to continuing the fight against insurgents in Iraq, we can also dream up new nations to liberate. Syria may be sending terrorists into Iraq, and there have always been rumors that Saddam sent the WMDs there, so why not invade Syria.

Next up is Iran, where the Ayatollah is vigorously seeking not only nuclear weapons, but more advanced missiles that can reach western nations. They claim their nuclear ambitions are peaceful and for energy-related purposes only, but as soon as we prove otherwise, it's air strike time, unless Israel gets there first.

**Growing national deficit:** George W. Bush has political capital and he intends to spend it. What better way than increasing government spending while cutting taxes? Don't worry folks, we can always print more of it.

As the deficit continues to grow, thanks in large part to Bush's proposed Social Security reform, our economy may falter just a bit. But don't let this bad news force you to cut back on holiday spending, because it's our patriotic duty to shop till we drop because it will actually help the economy...

I think.

**A new Cold War:** Russia has increased its anti-western rhetoric in the past few months and Mr. Putin is expected to unveil the former empire's new line of nuclear weapons systems sometime soon.

The former comrades have also increased intelligence funding to its highest total ever, so watch out for the Reds, if they're nothing else, they're sneaky. I for one can't wait for the next hearing of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

**Peace in the Middle East?** I'm going to go out on a limb and say Palestinians and Israelis will begin to patch things up in 2005. With Arafat out of the picture, new leadership can step up and compromise with Ariel Sharon as he warms up to the idea of a Palestinian state.

The only thing standing in the way of peace: Thousands of terrorists and Israeli settlers.

**Michael Moore:** He's just not going to leave well enough alone.

**Rookie cabinet members:** How will Alberto Gonzalez find more creative ways to curtail freedom? Does Condoleezza Rice have what it takes to be Secretary of State? Can Donald Rumsfeld avoid the sophomore slump?

**Confusion:** Are we more secure or are terrorists about to strike? Is Pakistan still on our side? I haven't heard about Yemen in a while, what are they up to? The one guaranteed thing to expect in 2005 is a convoluted system of government and international politics.

Buy stocks in pharmaceuticals, namely Advil, Tylenol and Motrin, because there will be many headaches.

## Loyola Look-Alikes

By Nick Barbera



**NAME:** Paul Kouch,  
Loyola senior



**NAME:** The other elf  
from "The Island  
of Misfit Toys"

**OCCUPATION:** Student  
Golfer  
**HEIGHT:** 6'2"

**OCCUPATION:** Santa's  
Helper  
**HEIGHT:** 3'4"

**KNOWN ASSOCIATES:** The Nickster  
Big Dan  
Matt  
Billy Boy  
Hoban  
Neil-e-o  
Bobby Stokos  
E-Mac

**KNOWN ASSOCIATES:** Dasher  
Dancer  
Prancer  
Vixen  
Comet  
Cupid  
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## This semester's hottest ticket on campus

■ *Loyola's a cappella weekend, Belles and Chimes style, at McManus*

By CECILIA WATSON  
STAFF WRITER

It was a regular Saturday night at Loyola College. Boulder was preparing for Midnight Breakfast, the shuttles were making their rounds and the usual crowds of taxis were at their posts, outside of both Newman Towers and Hammerman Hall. However, the largest crowd wasn't found at any

of these usual spots; they were inside McManus Theater.

Why, one might ask? To see the Chimes and Belles, the Loyola College male and female a cappella groups, perform in their semi-annual Chordbusters concert. One of the most popular events on campus, it was nearly impossible to find a ticket to this event. The tickets were sold out by Thursday and on Friday, everyone was

looking for extras.

By 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday night, a line could be found outside McManus, waiting to get in. But all of this standing and waiting in anticipation certainly paid off.

The night began with opening acts by the Chimes and Belles. The Chimes performed a skit roughly based on the movie, "Cool Runnings," however, a "greased Nelson" was added. The Belles sang their variation of Simon and Garfunkel's "The Sound of Silence," entitled "The Walk of Shame." All done in good fun, both were good examples of what was to come, a night full of entertainment and music.

The Chimes began the night of music in ties, khakis, and the traditional bare feet. Singing songs like "Jesse's Girl," performed by senior Adam Wessinger, and "Wonderwall," sung by sophomore Dan Walker, the Chimes ended with a rendition of Franz Ferdinand's "Take Me Out."

Many wouldn't think that these songs could be done by an a cappella group, but the Chimes proved them wrong. The Chimes' gave a crowd-pleasing performance and left the audience in anticipation for the next act, the Belles.



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Heather Schulz, '07 graces the stage of McManus with the Belles during her first Chordbusters experience.

On Saturday the Belles, dressed elegantly in red, black and very high heels, continued the night of singing with such classics as "I've Got My Mind Set on You," and more recent hits like "My Immortal" by Evanescence.

With nine new members added to the Belles this semester, it seemed hard to imagine that the group could appear as if they had been singing together for years.

With Loyola students leading it, performing it and watching it, Chordbusters was certainly a

show you didn't want to miss.

As Wessinger said, "It's a great showcase of Loyola talent and just a really good time. Everybody should come see it."

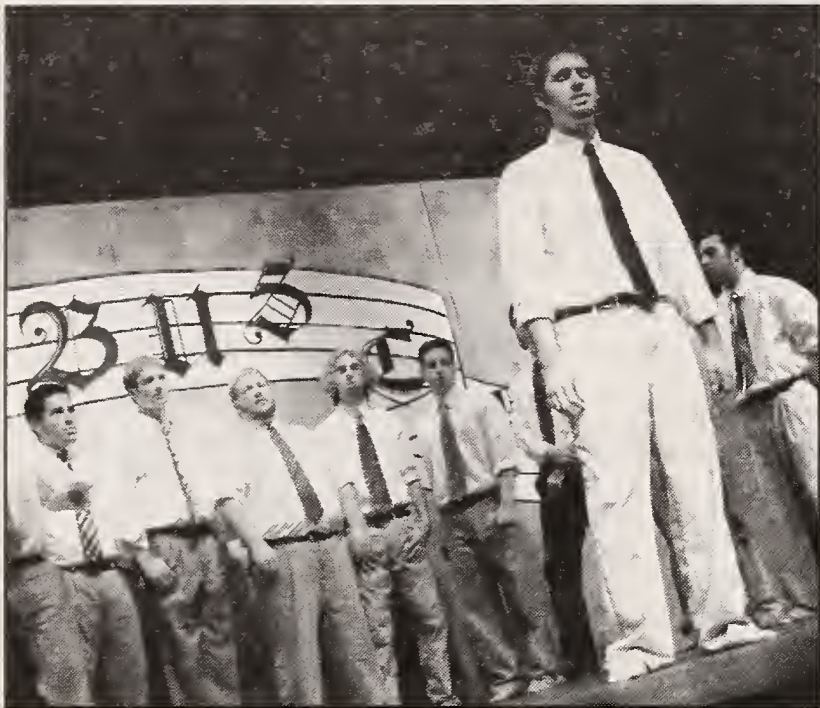
"Chimes and Belles is one of the best completely student-run programs at Loyola," freshman Chime Jim Minichiello said. "Why wouldn't you want to support your classmates and go?"

Both the Chimes and the Belles have gone through a lot of changes over the past semester, gaining new members and losing old.

However, that didn't stop them from putting on a solid performance. And with both nights sold out in two days, the Loyola community certainly came out to support them.

As sophomore Alexis Alois said, "The Belles seem like they're having a lot more fun this year. And I think it's impossible to be a Loyola girl and not love the Chimes."

Chordbusters was a great fall event to wrap up the semester before finals. The next performance will be during the spring semester, showcasing new songs and more amusing skits. And after catching the show this semester, here are two words of warning: Buy early!



CHRISTINA SANTUCCI/GREYHOUND

Matt Eduardo, '06 (foreground) belts out Dexter Freebish's "Leaving Town" with the rest of the Chimes midway through their set at Chordbusters last Friday night.

## Counselors offer advice for dealing with stress

By BLAKE CALLAHAN  
STAFF WRITER

The holidays are rapidly approaching but many Loyola students are casting their holiday spirits aside to cope with the stress that is consuming their lives this finals week.

"Although there is no significant increase in stress related counseling at exam time, more students are willing discuss the problems they are having and ask for support," said Dr. Joya A Crear, counselor and outreach coordinator in the Counseling Center.

For freshman Kyle Emmich, stress around finals is compounded by procrastination, which allows the work from his two honors classes to build up. Still, Emmich feels that he is not in the minority in respect to stress.

According to a recent American College Health Association study, 93.8 percent of students feel psychologically overwhelmed while attending universities.

Balancing school, extra-curricular activities and part time jobs with an erratic schedule often leads to stress among college students.

Sophomore Alex Bernard is among the 77 percent of Loyola students who participate in extracurricular activities, according to Loyola's 2002 Student

Assessment Survey. For him, trying to manage his time between school and work can be overwhelming.

Students like Bernard find it comforting to know that his fellow classmates are going through the same thing. "No matter how bad it is someone always has it worse than you," he said.

"It's especially rough having lots of work along with crew," he said.

Bernard is one of many college students who find it difficult to deal with the stress.

"I'm not too good with managing my time. I basically try to go with the flow of things, but you do what you have to do," he said.

Crear encourages students not to study for a huge chunk of time and often suggests ways that they can manage their time better.

"I often refer students to other resources on campus like 'Stressbusters' or suggest that they use the relaxation room, which is free of charge and is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.," she added.

Other stress relievers include a good night's sleep and exercise, which boosts endorphins in the brain and allows for a positive mental approach to schoolwork.

For sophomore Elizabeth Waterman, these tricks work best when she is dealing with stress.

"I suggest working out and getting plenty sleep as ways to

help relieve stress," she said. "With five classes, five finals can be extremely difficult to prepare for. Also many students fear not doing as well as they hoped."

For some students, however, stress can grow so large that it becomes incapacitating.

Senior Alexis Roth said that because of stress she hasn't been able to sleep much lately.

"Thinking about work that I have to do is keeping me up," she said. "It's also emotionally hard; the anxiety is definitely up."

Roth stresses over her work for this semester but also is concerned about the future after graduation.

"As a senior I'm really stressed out about what I'm going to do when the school year's over. I have to figure out what I'm going to do after graduation."

And as a result of stress, Roth

said that she finds students often turn to drinking and partying.

"I'm partying more to try to forget about it. Sometimes it helps. It's always only temporary, and I know I shouldn't do it, but I do it anyway," she said.

But drinking may not be the best answer for college students. According to Marie Finley, the assistant director of Alcohol and Drug Education and Support Services, alcohol restricts rapid eye movement (REM) sleep, the kind of rest students need to re-energize and decrease stress.

For students who want even another alternative, Crear recommends that those who feel overwhelmed seek counseling to relieve stress and get themselves back on track with their work.

"Problems may not be academically related, but 96

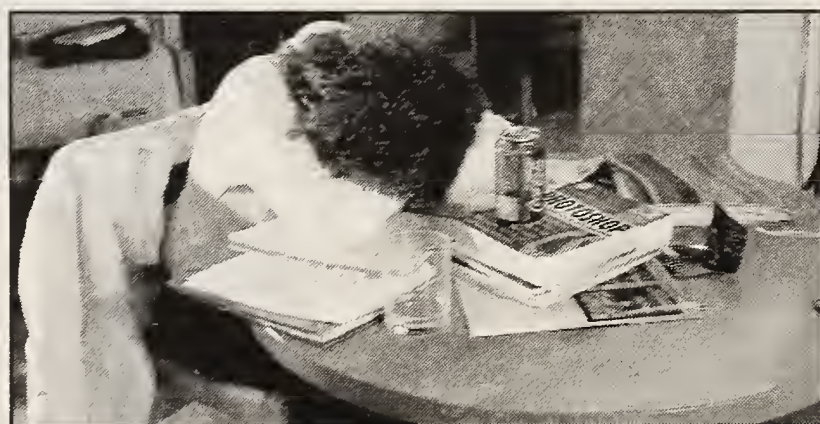
percent of students say counseling has helped them with their studies," Crear said. "With numerous exams and papers coming at you all at once it's difficult to find adequate time to do it all."

In addition, students can seek out stress relief from their peers and campus organizations. Groups on campus such as the Academic Mentoring Team and C.A.R.E. (Creating Awareness through Real Experiences) have been hosting several events to help students cope with their anxiety.

C.A.R.E., a peer education group sponsored by the Counseling Center, has been holding a senior stressor series on topics like money management and relationships to do their part in helping students cope with stress.

Tonight from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. in Hopkins Court, the Academic Mentoring Team will be holding a study break program for Loyola students "in need of some relaxation and fun where students can enjoy a Christmas movie, decorate cookies," and even get study and test-taking tips.

Bernard said that he won't be taking advantage of these seminars, but he has tried to take things in stride. It also helps to remember that the end of the semester is approaching, and all of his work will be finished soon, he said.



LORRAINE ROBINSON/GREYHOUND

Students both at Loyola and across the country routinely turn to caffeine and cramming as a result of stress, but experts agree that sleep and exercise could be more beneficial.

## -- As Chosen by Jason Lam --

**Rilo Kiley -- More Adventurous**  
(Brute/Beaute)

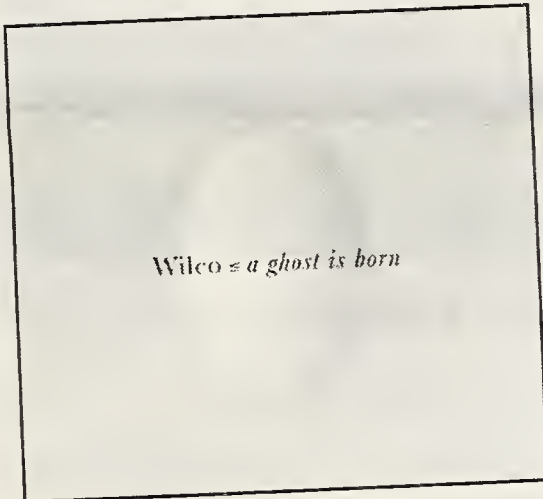
Quite possibly my favorite record of the year, *More Adventurous* is almost flawless. Having received a great deal of criticism for establishing a distribution deal with Warner, Rilo Kiley released their third LP on their own label, Brute/Beaute Records. Like an indie rock Loretta Lynn, Jenny Lewis' vocals are undeniable, beautiful and heartfelt. For "I Never," Lewis actually stripped naked in the vocal booth in order to sound more exposed. As proof of the success of "More Adventurous," Amazon.com recently announced that the album was chosen as the best alternative rock CD of 2004.

**Ryan Adams -- Love Is Hell**  
(Lost Highway)

*Love is Hell* almost never happened. After Adams' label, Lost Highway, deemed the songs too depressing and dark to sell, they made him record another, more "upbeat" record. Thus, you have *Rock and Roll* which came out to poor reviews and mediocre sales. However, with pressure from fans, the label released the songs for *Love is Hell* as two separate EPs. To their surprise, fans loved the sad but honest songs, and both EPs sold well. Based on those sales, the label finally released *Love is Hell* as one album in May of 2004. Recorded at the rundown Hotel Chelsea in New York City, Adams writes some of the most melancholy stuff since Nick Drake. Highlights of this album include a cover of Oasis' "Wonderwall" and "English Girls Approximately." Melodies are gorgeous, and the vocal delivery is passionate. Along with Ryan Adams himself, this album will be more appreciated in 10 years than it is now.

**Wilco -- A Ghost Is Born**  
(Nonesuch)

Chicago's favorite sons have finally shed the title of "alternative-country" with the release of *A Ghost Is Born*. Experimental, organic and surprisingly catchy, Wilco has gone through tumultuous band member changes as well as lead singer Jeff Tweedy's infamous medical/mental illnesses. Coming off of 2001's *Yankee Hotel Foxtrot*, the band seems to have become the American equivalent of Radiohead. Despite personal turmoil, Tweedy's growth as a songwriter and lyricist seems to be limitless with each release. This record is so full of depth and profundity that it gives the listener no choice but to listen to it again and again and again...

**The Walkmen -- Bows and Arrows**  
(Record Collection)

Lumped as part of the wave of New York City garage bands, the Walkmen have knocked over that sophomore hurdle and danced on top of it with the release of *Bows and Arrows*. These NYC transplants combine loud, melodious music with singer Hamilton Leithauser's best impression of old school Bono. The band knows when to play with urgency on tracks like "The Rat," and they also know when to let Leithauser's voice lead the way on the slow jams like "What's in it for Me?" *Bows and Arrows* is 11 tracks of the most simple and straightforward garage rock you'll hear in 2004.

**Recover -- This May Be The Year I Disappear**  
(Universal/Strummer)

This four-piece from Austin, Texas might be one of the best underground rock bands out there today. It's hard to put Recover in a genre, but there is an energy, style and power behind their music. Melodic and in your face, songs on this album make you want lose your mind ("My Only Cure") or want to ask your "crush" out ("Don't Let Love Pass You By"). If you're still crying over the break up of Creed, *This May Be The Year ...* will give you that kick in your face that you so badly need and convert you to real music.



# the TOP ALBUMS of 2004

## -- As Chosen by Brendan Nowlin --

**Interpol -- Antics**  
(Matador Records)

If Interpol's debut, *Turn on the Bright Lights*, was a little too moody and quasi-depressing for you, the band's heavily-anticipated follow-up *Antics* serves as a heavy dose of Prozac. Danceable indie rock is apparently in this year, and songs like "Slow Hands" and "Evil" could easily urge a shy party-goer to inch his way off of the couch and onto the makeshift dance floor. Interpol's angular guitar work and clean percussion is just as sharp as their fashion sensibility -- and if you have ever seen a picture of the band, you know that says a lot.

**TV on the Radio -- Desperate Youth, Blood Thirsty Babes**  
(Touch and Go Records)

Bands don't win awards like the Shortlist Music Prize and get tossed aside, considered irrelevant. Therefore, Brooklyn-based TV on the Radio is certainly worthy of any praise bestowed upon them. It is difficult to describe the type of music that the band offers, but it is mostly based around synthesized drum beats and bass loops. The vocal range of lead singer Tunde Adebimpe is amazing, and the soundscape that the band provides for it is unlike much of anything else heard these days. Songs like "Staring at the Sun" and "Dreams" are catchy without being sugary by any means, and the lyrics behind them are just as enchanting.

**Secret Machines -- Now Here is Nowhere**  
(Reprise Records)

It is quite a bold move to start a record off with a nine-minute song. Somehow, "First Wave Intact," the opening track on the Secret Machines' debut, chugs along without sounding stale. The rest of the album stays just as fresh, even after a dozen or so listens, and proves that indie rock can still sound good when it is produced for a major label. The three-piece generates a monumentally huge sound that is best heard on songs like "Sad and Lonely" and "Light's On." Turn down the treble a bit, and boost up the bass -- it's almost as good as seeing them live.

**The Streets -- A Grand Don't Come for Free**  
(Vice Records)

It can safely be agreed upon that much of Mike Skinner's (the voice and mind behind the Streets) acclaim is due to the simple fact that his arrhythmic rapping style is incredibly ground-breaking when tossed in with the mind-numbingly boring hip-hop on major labels. "Blinded by the Lights" is strangely beautiful, "Fit But You Know It" is hilarious without being bogged down by novelty, and the whole record is easily one of the year's best.

**Elliott Smith -- From a Basement on the Hill**  
(Anti-Records)

There is something inherently sad about listening to an album full of songs that Elliott Smith was writing weeks before killing himself last year. It isn't a secret that Smith's songwriting was always exceptionally melancholy, but it's such a shame to see that he still had so much overwhelming talent. Every song on *From a Basement ...* is excellent, but the best of the best include "Pretty (Ugly Before)" and "Twilight."

## -- As Chosen by Tom Korp --

**Colossal -- Welcome the Problems**  
(Asian Man Records)

With every passing day, it seems that Chicago's indie rock scene gets better and better. Colossal, which hails from the Windy City, merges its upbeat rock roots with the complexity of math rock. Meaning: layered chords, catchy percussion, trumpet accents and intelligent lyrics -- a delightful combination that few achieve. Fans of the intricate hooks of Minus the Bear and the mellow drone of Pedro the Lion will undoubtedly find something to love in Colossal's debut full-length *Welcome the Problems*, whether in the complex chord-progression of "The Serious Kind" or the laid-back melody of "Careless Michael." Contrary to what the album's title may imply, welcoming these problems is undoubtedly a good thing.

**Ted Leo & the Pharmacists -- Shake the Sheets**  
(Lookout! Records)

"Do you believe in something beautiful? / Then get up and be it!" croons Ted Leo during "Me and Mia," the fantastic lead-in to Ted Leo & the Pharmacists' fifth full-length, *Shake the Sheets*. In a word, amazing -- this album is good enough to send shivers up your spine and make your hair stand on end, a rarity in today's lackluster music market (present com-

pany notwithstanding). Ted Leo's super-clean guitar licks and hooks (both vocal and instrumental) pull you right in, while Jody Buonanno's tight bass and Amy Farina's snappy percussion assault your senses with tasty rock-and-roll goodness.

**The Killers -- Hot Fuss**  
(Island Records)

In a review from earlier this year, I had described Vegas-based dance-rock quartet The Killers as the hypothetical love-children of the Cure's Robert Smith and Kim Deal of the Pixies -- a combination that effectively explains The Killers' focus on retro keyboard-synthesizer effects, dance-friendly bass lines and percussion, and lilting vocals. I stand by my previous statement as being more-or-less an indisputable fact. The band has made quite the splash in both the mainstream and underground music scenes, what with radio favorites like "Somebody Told Me" and "Mr. Brightside." Positive press is all well and good, but are The Killers truly deserving of all the "hot fuss" surrounding their 2004 debut? Considering how damnably catchy it is, methinks yes.

**Roy -- Big City Sin and Small Town Redemption**  
(Fueled By Ramen Records)

Tacoma, Wash., is traditionally a haven for post-hardcore acts like Harkonen, Botch and These Arms are Snakes -- loud bands that play loud music with extra emphasis placed on coarse screaming and heavy guitar riffs. Then along came Roy in early 2004, a pop-rock quartet with alt-country sensibilities and a penchant for constructive social commentary. They mixed simple, pleasantly-layered chords and arpeggios with pared-down bass lines and subdued percussion, all beneath gruff sing-song vocals. Simply put, *Big City Sin and Small Town Redemption* is undoubtedly one of the most under-appreciated releases of 2004.

**The Zutons -- Who Killed ... the Zutons?**  
(Deltasonic/Epic Records)

The Zutons rock hard, and they rock well -- a deadly combination if ever there was one. The Liverpool-based quintet's debut full-length *Who Killed ... the Zutons?* comes across like a medley of 1960s rock and roll, channeling the Doors, the Beatles and Led Zeppelin in one album. David McCabe's old-school vocals are reminiscent of both Jim Morrison's deep monotone and Robert Plant's signature wails. Clean and funky guitar riffs, steady bass lines and rapid percussion are further enlivened by hot sax accompaniment. Catchy tracks like "Pressure Point" and "Nighttime Part II" are party-friendly and guaranteed to please, while sedated songs like "Remember Me" and "Railroad" cool things down quite nicely.

# Ocean's 12: See it for the stars, not for the plot

By KEVIN DUGAN  
MOVIE CRITIC

Apparently it is pretty easy to make a quality film when you have a half dozen of the sexiest and most talented actors in Hollywood. Who knew? While the script and plot development of *Ocean's Twelve* might have some gaping holes, they are easily glossed over by the charm of Brad Pitt, elegance of Julia Roberts, the goofiness of Matt Damon, the comedy of Bernie Mac, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera.

In this new Steven Soderbergh film, the crew of Danny Ocean (George Clooney) is caught up with by the malicious casino mogul that they stole millions of dollars from several years ago. To avoid sleeping with the fishes, they travel to Europe to make some high-scale robberies and repay their debt plus interest by breezing through a few jobs.

It is in Europe, though, that they run into trouble with a rival thief interfering with their work, and they are even forced to have to



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The chemistry of (from left) Matt Damon, Brad Pitt and George Clooney, among others, helps *Ocean's Twelve* sail past the flimsy plot and lame gimmicks.

deal with European task forces throughout the movie.

A common fault in sequels is that the plots take a nosedive for the worse, and *Ocean's Twelve* is no exception. The makers are no longer dealing with an original idea, and they had to make up a whimsical tale and fill it in with some fluffy dialogue.

The motivation is no longer there to create the best and most clever plot, simply because there is already an *Ocean's Eleven* legacy that they could leech off of for support regardless of how good this film turns out to be. There are too many gimmicky things tried in *Ocean's Twelve* to make it seem like a better movie than it really is.

Sticking feathers up your butt does not make you a chicken, and sticking a handful

of prominent actors in a movie will not automatically make the plot a terrific one.

As soon as Roberts's character is said to look like actress Roberts, a collective groan can be heard given off from the audience. That and a cameo from Bruce Willis are enough to make me throw up just a little bit in my mouth. It is lame things like these that keep the movie from reaching the same heights as its predecessor.

The script is not completely void of humor and entertainment, but the same words and actions given perhaps to a slightly less prestigious cast would have definitely resulted in a blunder of a film.

The interaction of Pitt and Clooney is especially amusing in the movie, as well as the way that the two haze Damon into the gang. Unfortunately Bernie Mac has only one or two lines, but Pitt picks up the torch for the funniest guy in the cast and does a good job of making the audience laugh throughout the film.

Typically in movies like these with lots of highly paid actors, the sequels flop belly-up because some of the actors will not sign on to act in the sequel. Here in *Ocean's Twelve*, however, they managed not only to get everyone back but also contracted Catherine Zeta-Jones for the film. It is for this reason, and this reason alone, that *Ocean's Twelve* will do well in the box office and is a movie worth seeing.

You'll have lots of time over break to see movies, I am sure. *Ocean's Twelve* and other movies (*Meet the Fockers*, *The Life Aquatic*) will make a pleasant substitution for spending another two grueling hours with your parents, so get out and go see some movies this break.

## Nintendo strikes digital gold with *Metroid Prime 2*

By STEVE RAWCZAK  
STAFF WRITER

I've said it before: Nintendo treats its prize franchises like digital gold; you will never find a poor quality Mario/Zelda/Metroid game. *Metroid Prime 2: Echoes* is no exception. Nintendo picked a winner with Retro Studios to produce the Gamecube's first Metroid game, and everyone who said a first person Metroid game wouldn't work or questioned Retro's ability to make a good game ate their words. Fast forward two years from the success of *Prime* in 2002, and you get a sequel that is every bit as deep and engaging as its predecessor with some new improvements that should not be overlooked.

*Prime 2*'s biggest departure in concept from the previous Metroid games is its setting: the game takes place on a planet called Aether that has been struck by a celestial object, splitting the world into two different areas: a light world and a dark, twisted copy of it. The inhabitants of the new dark world are trying to destroy the light world. This is where Samus comes to save the day.

This game definitely has an even more intense survival horror feel than the previous Metroid games. You reach Aether and discover a federation ship that followed

two opposing dimensions make up a good portion of the game, and changing things in one dimension can affect the physical state of the other.

Usually in Metroid games, you start out with a power beam, which is relatively weak, and then eventually acquire wave, ice and plasma beams. This is the first Metroid game to completely scrap those weapons; instead, to complement your travels through the dichotomy of Aether's split between light and shadow, you are given a light beam, which is similar to the plasma beam from the first *Metroid Prime*, and a dark beam, which is similar to the ice beam from the previous game. The third weapon is a combination of the first two, called the "Annihilator," but the effect is quite subdued considering its name.

The screw attack was amazingly well adapted; the motion is fluid and the controls are superb. The visor gets upgrades too; a dark visor, which filters out the world to

**"If your idea of a fun game is shooting everything that moves, this game is not for you."**

-- Steve Rawczak

gray and shows enemies and invisible objects as bright red, and the echo visor, a sort of sonar, which with the annihilator is used to solve certain puzzles and open certain doors. There are also

missile combos to find for the three beams, and the effects they produce, especially the missile combo for the dark beam, are delicious.

Of course, Metroid games are NOT action games, so if your idea of a fun game is shooting everything that moves, this game is not for you; games like this are more intelligent than simple run-and-gun. *Prime 2* requires a lot more exploration and puzzle solving than, say *Halo 2*, but the end result is a lot more rewarding and interesting than just shooting at the same five alien models over and over again.

*Prime 2* shipped with a multiplayer component as well, but it seems more like a gimmick, a "me too," than an in-depth death match style multiplayer like *Unreal Tournament* or *Halo*. Don't worry though; it's largely unnecessary because the single player is where this game shines. If you liked the first Metroid *Prime* game or if you haven't played it, you are missing out. Pick this one up now; you won't regret it.

From the dark, moody chambers of Torvus Bog to the majestic temple grounds, *Prime 2* is elegantly designed and beautifully rendered. I would not be exaggerating if I said this game made *Halo 2* look just plain ugly, and if you cannot see that I suggest corrective lenses. The landscape of dark Aether, a perverted black and purple twist on the rooms you visit in light Aether, is accessible through portals, and visiting dark Aether is essential to your progress in the game. Back-and-forth puzzles between the

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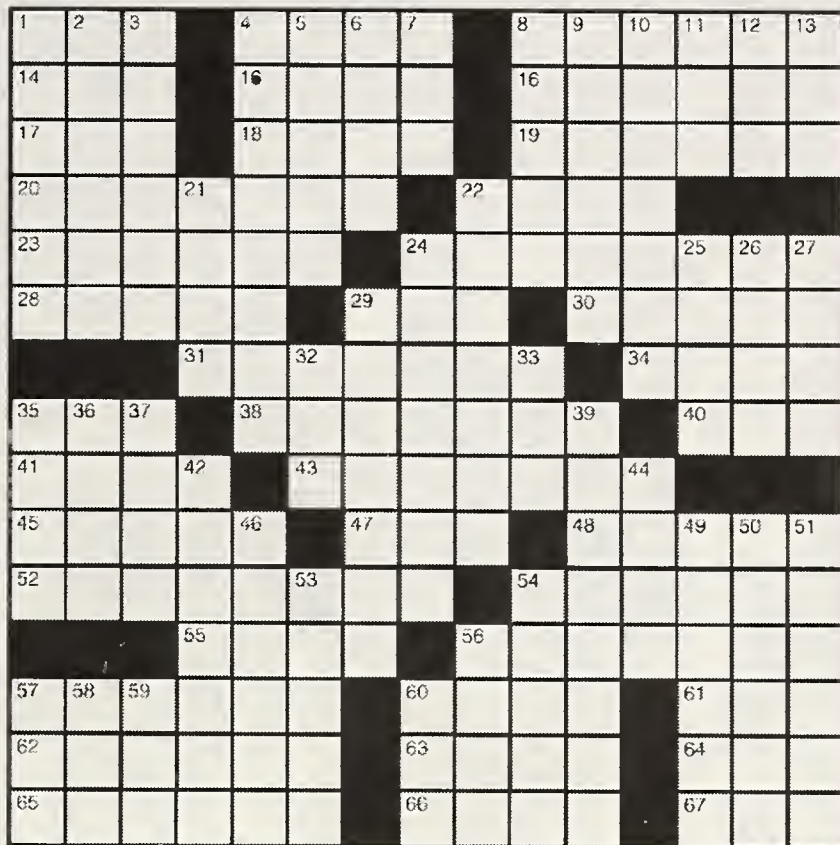
The tolerance of a Starbucks barista is severely tested.

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## Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Affectedly shy
  - 4 Ebb or neap
  - 8 Prayer book
  - 14 Historical period
  - 15 Burden
  - 16 Breathe in
  - 17 Butt
  - 18 Automobile pioneer
  - 19 Created a genetic duplicate
  - 20 Makes possible
  - 22 Ill-mannered child
  - 23 Appalled
  - 24 Laggard
  - 28 Dog's lead
  - 29 Audit pro
  - 30 More certain
  - 31 Earshot
  - 34 Swarm
  - 35 Silent
  - 38 Frequently intoxicated
  - 40 Mineral spring
  - 41 God of love
  - 43 Type of energy
  - 45 Leers at
  - 47 Tennis match unit
  - 48 Judge's aide
  - 52 Restaurant host
  - 54 Without animation
  - 55 Wide-mouthed pitcher
  - 56 Open framework
  - 57 Black suit
  - 60 Sound system
  - 61 Feathery scarf
  - 62 Spuds
  - 63 Prophetic sign
  - 64 Cover
  - 65 Stylishly elegant
  - 66 Existed
  - 67 Golfer Ernie

- DOWN
- 1 Breakfast food
  - 2 South African river
  - 3 Piano maker
  - 4 Equipment building
  - 5 Narrow coastal opening
  - 6 Lead balloons



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### Solutions to last week's puzzle

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- 46 Seed scatterers
- 49 Fit to eat
- 50 Shrink back
- 51 Works dough
- 53 Untidy
- 54 Thin, crisp cake
- 56 Margarita garnish
- 57 Part of CST
- 58 Golf score
- 59 Had a meal
- 60 In what manner

**Aries (March 21-April 20)** Personal reflection will captivate your attention over the next 4 days. Unproductive patterns between loved ones can now be easily

sultry displays of affection. Many Gemini's may soon choose between long-term security and exotic attraction. Stay balanced: there's much to consider.

## HOROSCOPES

By Lasha Seniuk/KRT

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** Over the next few days, a close friend or relative may outline an

identified and dispelled. Use this time to accept yesterday's disappointments and acknowledge today's positive influences.

**Taurus (April 21-May 20)** Before mid-week close friends and relatives may be unexpectedly moody. Long-term relationships will now begin a brief but intense phase of lost ambition or indecision. Don't be unnerved: loved ones may now need to evaluate their own attitudes, habits or behaviors.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** Wednesday through Saturday accent romance, sensuality and

elaborate plan for increased education, revised workplace skills or a fast career change. Thursday through Saturday new social invitations may quickly lead to lasting romance: pay special attention to returning friends, visiting relatives and unique group events.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** Long-term goals, although positive, may be temporarily unreachable. Don't be dismayed: at present, added home and family expenses are both necessary and productive. Flexibility and creative thinking will bring meaningful results. Later this week, younger friends or relatives may request family advice. Remain

diplomatic: traditional roles in the home and private jealousies may be on the agenda.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** This week, lovers and marital partners ask for emotional clarity, long-term commitments or renewed promises. Listen closely to the needs of others: proposed lifestyle changes, social expansion and family acceptance may now be more important than anticipated.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Co-workers and business partners are unusually cheerful over the next few days. Close colleagues, however, may be masking insecurity with optimism, zany antics or humor. After Thursday, friends and lovers may press for renewed public commitments in long-term relationships. Don't hesitate: your reaction will be carefully scrutinized.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Nostalgic reflection will now captivate the thoughts of loved ones. Before mid-week, yesterday's romantic ideals and

postponed home plans demand discussion. Join in and explore positive memories: your participation will not be forgotten.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Older friends or relatives may this week propose unexpected family gatherings, improved home plans or creative social activities. Restlessness and low self-esteem are now a strong influence. Shared goals or revised lifestyles will soon be a priority: encourage fresh ideas, no matter how small or unrealistic.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)** After Wednesday, powerful dreams and vivid impressions are highlighted. Quick, personal revelations may soon lead to important improvements: expect friends or lovers to push for renewed commitments, bold public statements or lasting decisions.

**Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)** Social discussions may be misleading this week. After Tuesday, someone close may present surprising information concerning the past behavior and

habits of a mutual friend or relative. Remain cautious and avoid impulse reactions: patience, added insights and accurate details will soon provide clarity.

**Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20)** Several weeks of minor disagreements between friends or lovers will now fade. Loved ones will no longer question the sincerity of new acquaintances. After mid-week plan new financial strategies. Trust your instincts: unproductive contracts need to end.

**If your birthday is this week ...** Lovers and long-term friends may ask for greater access to your private thoughts and family life over the next 2 to 3 months. Intimate relationships will now begin an intense phase of emotional decision: use this time to evaluate long-term goals and challenge unacceptable behaviors in key relationships. April through early June also highlight controversial financial decisions from older relatives, employers or mentors.



CHRISTINA SANTUCCI/GREYHOUND

Sophomore Brittany Dunn (right) defends a Towson guard at the top of the key in Sunday's game at Reitz Arena. Dunn's four assists and two steals helped the Hounds to a 51-48 win.

## LC escapes with win over Towson

By BRADY FITZGERALD  
STAFF WRITER

On Sunday afternoon, Loyola's women's basketball team was victorious over Towson, 51-48, in a game that went down to the wire.

In the Hounds' first appearance at home, it took a clutch performance from junior Jackie Valderas, who hit two free throws in the game's final seconds, to put the game out of reach and ensure a win over the crosstown rival.

Earlier in the week, the Greyhounds dropped a close game to the undefeated Bison of Howard University, 59-53, when the Hounds made the trip to D.C.

The Greyhounds came out strong against Towson going on a 10-0 run early in the first half. The Hounds used a stiff defensive front to jump out to a 15-point lead at the half, 28-13.

In the second half, the Greyhounds were able to open their lead up to 37-17 on the strength of good transition play, keyed by junior point guard Krystle Harrington.

However, the Tigers fought back, going on a 12-0 run and

tying the game at 48-48 with 47 seconds remaining. After being fouled, Harrington hit one of two free throws to put the Greyhounds up 49-48.

With 25 seconds remaining, junior Katie Scherle knocked the ball loose from a Tiger forward as Towson was trying to run the clock down for a final shot. With the ball seemingly loose on the floor, referees awarded Towson a timeout and one more chance at a game-winning shot.

When freshman Alis Freeman missed a lay-up underneath the basket, Valderas was able to bring down a clutch defensive rebound with five seconds remaining.

Towson quickly fouled, and Valderas was able to knock down both free throws. A desperation three pointer by Towson was no good to close out the scoring and secure a 51-48 win for the Hounds, who shot just 28 percent in the second half.

Scherle led the Greyhounds with 11 points, going five for eight from the field. Sophomore Brittany Dunn had a team high six rebounds and four assists.

"A 15-point lead is not a big

enough lead for us," Loyola head coach Candy Cage said. "I think in the second half we played real tight. That's what happens when you have a few losses. But we're really excited to get a win."

On Thursday night the Greyhounds traveled to Washington to face Howard. Despite leading 28-27 at the half, the Greyhounds could not hold on in the second half, and the Lady Bison won 59-53.

Sophomore Jill Glcssner led the Greyhounds with 13 points and seven rebounds. Valderas pitched in nine points and seven rebounds, while Harrington added seven points and five assists. Howard was led by Daish Hicks, who scored a game-high 21 points on 9-17 shooting from the floor.

"I'm not satisfied with the way we have been playing so far," Cage said. "But I hope we're getting ready for the MAAC because that's our main goal."

The 2-5 Greyhounds return to road action this Sunday in Richmond, Va., against Virginia Commonwealth. The Rams are 2-3 on the year with wins over Siena and Radford.

## Students flock to Reitz for Hounds

By TERRY FOY  
SPORTS EDITOR

The effort and enthusiasm that has gone into rejuvenating Loyola's basketball programs has started to produce tangible results around the Evergreen campus.

Last week, the men's team brought home Loyola's first win after a pair of close losses left fans anxious for victory. While the win over Niagara will go a long way towards bringing fans back to Reitz Arena, crowds of over 1,000 people came out to watch the Hounds take on Navy and Delaware, as well.

"I think mostly it is [Loyola head coach Jimmy] Patsos' intensity that brings the fans out," said senior Jim Chivers, a captain of the men's basketball team. "They're excited to watch us play and be competitive, and it's nice because we feed off of that."

The Hounds have certainly started on the path towards making Reitz Arena a difficult place for teams to come and play. Fresh off of a 2003-2004 campaign that saw the Greyhound faithful leave Reitz dissatisfied 11 of 12 times, the Hounds are now 1-3 at home on the year, not to mention an exhibition win over Johns Hopkins in the preseason.

"The crowd has been doing a really good job so far this year," said junior Charlic Bell, the Hounds' leading scorer through seven games. "They're our sixth man on the floor, and that's so big because teams need to know that when they come here we're going to play tough."

The excitement surrounding Loyola's basketball program has spread throughout the city of Baltimore as well. Loyola's athletic department, along with Patsos and women's head coach Candy Cage, has been able to sell more than 400 season tickets and 50 courtside seats.

Ticket holders include Baltimore Ravens owner Steve Bisciotti and Orioles owner Peter Angelos. Meanwhile, Wizards players Laron

Profit and Juan Dixon and legendary basketball coaches Red Auerbach and Morgan Wooten have all been in attendance.

The added excitement of the games, along with a much more entertaining atmosphere, has contributed to an air of success off the court that will surely translate into wins on the court.

"The fans have been great and they deserve a solid effort from us every time they come out," Patsos said.

For the students at Loyola who have spent their time here wishing for football games to go to on Saturday afternoons and dreaming of the Final Four, this basketball season has been a small taste of such dreams.

Saturday's game against Mount St. Mary's, was the best-attended home game of the year. Nearly 2,500 people saw the Hounds take on the Mountaineers, and they let their presence be felt, making Reitz as loud as it's been all year.

"I had a lot of fun in the student section [at the Mount St. Mary game]," said senior Dan Healy, whose enthusiasm at Loyola's basketball games is echoed by the throng of nearly 200 dedicated students that turn out every week and stand behind the opponents bench. "I think the increase in attendance has a lot to do with what's going on behind the scenes, too. Kelly Crossett and LOCOS and the athletic department have done a great job of getting students out to games."

The excitement has also spread to the women's basketball program, who had their home opener Sunday against Towson. The Hounds used the home court advantage to pull out 51-48 victory over the Tigers.

"[The increased attendance] is a real credit to our students and our coaching staff," Loyola Firector of Athletics Joe Boylan said. "As Emerson said, 'Nothing can be achieved without enthusiasm.' Well we have that now, so I think we can really achieve."

## Loyola falls to Mount St. Mary's

By TERRY FOY  
SPORTS EDITOR

Coming off a a big win against a quality opponent, Loyola found itself overmatched and out of luck Saturday afternoon as the Hounds dropped to 1-6 on the year, falling 69-55 to Mount St. Mary's in a non-conference match up.

The Hounds, who were taking on the Mountaineers for a Maryland collegiate basketball record 159th time, struggled early from the floor, especially at close range. Loyola only shot 37 percent from the floor throughout the game, including 10-29 in the second half.

Most of the missed shots came in the paint after nice drives and interior passing resulted in poor shots high off the glass.

"We missed a lot of inside shots and mistakes that there are really no excuses for," Loyola center Jim Chivers said.

The Greyhounds also failed to help their cause at the free throw line, making less than half of their shots on the day. They finished 12 of 25 from the charity stripe, including two of eight in the game's final five minutes.

"That was the story of the game: missed lay-ups, missed free throws, just missed opportunities," Loyola head coach

Jimmy Patsos said after the game. "We hadn't won two games in a row here in five years, I don't know if they got excited or what, but they didn't play the way they're capable of playing today."

To make matters worse, Mount came out on fire, making seven of 10 threes in the first half en route to 12-point halftime lead, 38-26. Junior guard Landy Thompson was perfect from behind the arc, making four threes and scoring 15 of his game-high 24 points in the first half. Junior forward Charles Cook had the same touch, hitting all three of his three-point attempts for a total of nine points.

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CHRISTINA SANTUCCI/GREYHOUND

Cheerleader Allison Livingstone keeps Reitz Arena rocking during a time out. Reitz has been packed lately as the men have drawn more than 1,000 fans for each of their games.

## Men look to rebound at UMBC

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"They really shot the lights out to start the game," Chivers said. "We couldn't stop their shooters, and it made it difficult to get any momentum because we'd play defense, and then they'd make a tough shot. It was hard to get a run going."

Though all of the elements should have added up to a long day for Patsos and the Hounds, Loyola came out strong in the second half, and on the strength of a couple runs powered by good defensive pressure, pulled within three with 4:52 remaining after a Rashaud Nixon lay-up, 54-51.

The Greyhounds failed to capitalize, however, as two fouls and a fast break gave the Mountaineers a quick six-point run to open the lead up to 61-51, and after three points from senior forward Bernard Allen, Loyola's free throw woes returned, and Mount was able to pull away until four Thompson free throws put them up 68-54.

"It was a tough game because we came in

knowing that they were good, but we didn't play very well either," said junior guard Charlie Bell, who finished with nine points.

While the turnout for the rivalry game was the biggest the Hounds have had all year, the crowd displayed a lack of judgment late. Patsos reprimanded the student section for losing control when a hat was thrown onto the court in the direction of the referee in protest of a call against Loyola.

Despite a distinct size advantage, Loyola was out-rebounded 38-31 and only managed four blocks on the afternoon, although Allen contributed a pair of thunderous blocks off the glass himself.

"It was all about effort," Patsos said. "I thought after the Niagara game, and really our first five games, we did a nice job of playing as a team. It's been five years since they've won two games in a row around here and that was something I wanted to make happen, but I guess we're going to have to wait for that."



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Sopomore Shane James scrambles for a loose ball against Mount St. Mary's Saturday.

## THE GREYHOUND ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



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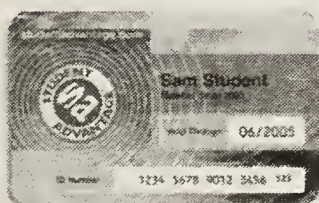
Junior

Katie Scherle

Katie Scherle helped lead the Greyhounds to their second victory of the season, a 51-48 win over local rival Towson University in their first home of the season Sunday afternoon. Scherle was the only Greyhound player to score in double figures against the Tigers, finishing with 11 points while adding four rebounds.

Scherle has led a balanced offensive attack throughout the season, scoring in double figures in four of her team's seven games. She is averaging 8.9 points per game and five rebounds on the season.

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Out with the old, in with the banter: 2004, for better or worse

It's that season again. Radio stations pick the year's top 100 songs and give the DJs the weekend off while we rock out to Maroon 5's "This Love" and Murphy Lee's "What da Hook Gon Be." ESPN picks the year's best plays, and Peter Jennings picks the top news stories of 2004.

Reflection is a great thing, especially in



easy-to-handle list format. But we're not that smart, so we're just going to argue.

There was a lot to celebrate this year in sports, but there was also plenty to cringe at as well. Thus, the question: 2004. A great year in sports or a terrible year in sports?

Pete

This past year was possibly one of the greatest sports years ever and not just because the Red Sox won the World Series. Although that does go a long way, much more happened that made this a great year, like for example the Patriots winning the Super Bowl.

Just look around this campus: Loyola won the MAAC championship in golf and finished well in soccer, swimming and cross country, not to mention the hire of Jimmy Patsos that has gotten this campus going to basketball games for a reason other than a losing streak. The school sold 400 season tickets this year for men's basketball. This is up from four last year, and they have already matched last season's win total, knocking off a solid Niagara team and are a few free throws away from being a .500 team.

Besides Loyola's on-campus success, this year was headlined by good American sports fans cheering the end of two very obnoxious dynasties as the Lakers and the Yankees came tumbling down. Now I know that the Yankee Empire died when Curt Schilling beat them for the first time in Arizona, but this year was extra sweet as they hit the ground so hard the Pakistanis thought India was testing nukes again.

The implosion of A-Rod, Sheffield, and every Yankee except for Jeter during the last four games of the ALCS is stuff that every aspiring writer in New England will write novels about for decades.

Watch for my midlife crisis project, *Finding a Five Dollar Bill and Watching the Red Sox Win the World Series: Highlights from the Life of Pete Flynn*, coming to a book store near you in 30 years.

Tom

At the conclusion of every year, it seems that we must clamor and pontificate that this year is the greatest sports year ever. Well OMG, this year was not the greatest ever. I know that every Red Sox fan will disagree with me, but we need to look past the Green Monster. Despite some great stories like Lance Armstrong and the Red Sox, this year can be summed up in this cliché: The more things change, the more

things stay the same. There have been stories that have plagued our world for years and this year they finally came to a head. Yes, the Yankees fell, but the whole world of sports got knocked down a few pegs as well. In just the last month alone, two professional sports have been badly tainted in the eyes of public opinion. The perception of professional basketball players as thugs came to furious fruition when Ron Artest and the rest of the Pacers team entered the stands.

For years there was talk about the use of steroids in major league baseball, and then recently, in the shock of shocks, two of baseball's biggest sluggers turned out to be as fake as Britney Spears. The steroids controversy even expanded to the world of cycling. Even though American hero Lance Armstrong has skirted most accusations of using the muscle juice, his former teammate Tyler Hamilton was less fortunate and fell victim this month.

Finally, the world of hockey is officially non-existent. After years of predicting that labor disputes would lead to a stoppage, the NHL could not fire up the zambonis this winter.

And the worst part: nobody cares?

These scandals take so much away from the accomplishments of the team-oriented Detroit Pistons, Boston Red Sox and whoever the hell won the Stanley Cup (it was the Tampa Bay Lightning, right?) Rather than a year of glory, we have a year that will live in infamy.

Pete

I can't argue that the Great Steroid Scandal has gripped the nation and has been one of American sports' biggest black eyes in its history. But the juice has been a problem in Major League Baseball for about 20 years.

In reality, this is a big step forward for baseball. Sure it looks bad now as two superstars have admitted to taking steroids, but if you were under the impression that baseball was a clean game before BALCO and grand jury became sports terms, you need to move out of Pleasantville and come into the world of color.

Because of the fear of John McCain taking the law into his own hands, the much-too-powerful players union has to address this problem, which has been a poorly kept secret for so long.

As for Lance Armstrong's case, that was just an example of anti-Americanism at its finest, as a French writer published baseless facts about an American who kept winning France's prized race. Armstrong did the impossible by beating cancer, winning six consecutive Tour titles and going out with Sheryl Crow. You can't beat that.

Armstrong is still an inspiration to us all, more than Marion Jones who went from the best female athlete to its biggest fraud in one Olympic cycle. Did I mention that the Patriots won 21 games in a row and won the Super Bowl?

Tom

While I cannot dismiss the accomplishment of scoring with Sheryl Crow, Armstrong has had a tougher year than he would have liked as well. And I am glad that you agree that steroids have placed an irreplaceable stain on baseball.

I am also glad that you keep mentioning the New England side of the argument. Yes, Bostonians have had a great year, and I'm sure Sam Adams is really excited. But the Patriots are just another example that the sports world tends to jump the gun. I think the Patriots have a great team, but they will not compare to the Cowboys of the '90s until they win another championship.

The NFL has had a tough year as well. The sport that tries to promote parity now has only four or five teams that can actually win a championship.

If you want to talk football, then we can talk about the biggest news in football this year, which is certainly not the Patriots, but rather Janet Jackson's nipple. Even the tremendous Super Bowl win by the Patriots has been trumped by controversy. I'm sure that the day after that more people were talking about Jackson's areola than Tom Brady's aerial assault.

Pete

The NFL has had an amazing year. "NippleGate" of course was a distraction from a great Super Bowl that pitted the Patriots and the annual surprise team, Carolina, but the NFL is still by far the best league for parity. Coming into this year, one could point to about 10 teams and say that they could have a shot at the Super Bowl, and none of them were the Pittsburgh Steelers, who are 11-1.

The Patriots, whose amazing run includes winning 26 of their last 27, are on the brink of getting the elusive "dynasty" tag but there are certainly plenty of obstacles along the way.

In a league as competitive as the NFL, Payton Manning is lighting up defenses and paving his path to pass Dan Marino for most touchdowns in a season but also as the greatest player never to win a Super Bowl. The NFL is still the best professional sports league in terms of overall competitiveness.

Tom

The only reason why we can consider the NFL the best-run sport is because the other sports organizations are so poorly run. The NBA is a five-month long episode of "Cops," and the MLB is an "Eight Second Biceps" video starring Jason Giambi.

We just have to examine the NFL's little brother, NCAA football, in order to see the chaos in sports. After years of criticism, the BCS is not only still around but is getting worse. For the second year in a row we will



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With all that happened this year, will Ron Artest's explosion be the most memorable event from 2004?

not have a definitive champion because they refuse to go to a playoff system.

I guess we should be glad they even have a champion. It seems the only crown that the NHL will be giving away this year is from a Burger King kid's meal.

Even the city of Baltimore has had a bad year in sports with local hero Michael Phelps getting a DUI and the Loyola basketball-losing streak, not to mention Carmelo Anthony's latest PR blunder. It's fitting that New England actually has a good year, and the world falls apart.

Pete

Slow down there, chief. I know it's exam time, and you're probably a little stressed out, but just breathe. After a great year of college football, we again see another team get Rodney Dangerfield-quality treatment and get denied the shot at the national championship that they deserve, but unless you were a place kicker missing extra points, this was an exciting year with five undefeated teams, three of them in the BCS, and the first mid-major conference team to end up in the BCS.

Phelps messed up and no one can defend him for what he did. A DUI is a very serious crime, but Phelps took personal responsibility for his actions, which is rare in society and is very commendable. He still won six gold medals at the age of 19 and solidified swimming as the most popular Olympic sports.

Tom

"You're killing me, Smalls."

Sure, there were some good moments in 2004, but I think the sports world blew up sometime after the figure skating finals. Coincidence, I think not! Exposed nipples, too much chlorine in Phelps' drink-- this sports year has been drenched in scandal. But honestly, I'm an optimist at heart. Since this year everything blew up in our face, this allows for next year to indeed be the greatest sports year in the history of the world. With stricter steroids policies, no Justin Timberlake halftime shows, and Jimmy Patsos at the helm, next year is shaping up to be migh-tee fine.

Men's Basketball								
Team	MAAC				Overall			
	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	Streak
Rider	2	0	1.00	-	4	3	.571	Lost 2
Fairfield	2	0	1.00	-	4	4	.500	Lost 2
Manhattan	1	1	.500	1	4	2	.667	Won 1
Marist	1	1	.500	1	4	4	.500	Won 2
St. Peter's	1	1	.500	1	2	4	.333	Lost 2
LOYOLA	1	1	.500	1	1	6	.143	Lost 1
Niagara	1	1	.500	1	5	3	.625	Lost 1
Siena	1	1	.500	1	1	7	.125	Won 1
Iona	0	2	0.00	2	2	6	.250	Lost 5
Canisius	0	2	0.00	2	1	4	.200	Lost 3

Women's Basketball								
Team	MAAC				Overall			
	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	Streak
Manhattan	2	0	1.00	-	4	2	.666	Lost 1
Niagara	2	0	1.00	-	5	3	.625	Won 4
Canisius	1	1	.500	1	3	3	.500	Won 1
Saint Peter's	1	1	.500	1	3	4	.429	Won 3
Siena	1	1	.500	1	4	5	.444	Won 1
Fairfield	1	1	.500	1	2	5	.286	Lost 2
LOYOLA	1	1	.500	1	2	5	.286	WON 1
Iona	1	1	.500	1	1	6	.143	Lost 1
Marist	0	2	.000	2	2	4	.333	Lost 3
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